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December 6, 1922.

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Mr. Lawrence Letherman,  
P.O. Box 3185,  
Boston, Mass.

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DATE 9-18-80 BY SP 5 RJB

Dear Sir:

The office of Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt has requested the assistance of the Bureau in the following matter:

The American Auxiliary Fishing Schooner "Monarch" of Gloucester, Massachusetts, was purchased at that port during the month of September last by one Donald McGuish, a native of that place and resident at #5 Lookout Street, under the following circumstances contained in a sworn affidavit made by McGuish before the American Counsel at Nassau:

One Russel Smith of Gloucester introduced Mr. McGuish to a Mr. Christie, a prosperous liquor dealer and rum runner from the Bahamas. Christie, it seems, was desirous of augmenting his rum-running fleet by the addition of the "Monarch" but because of his being a foreigner he could not purchase the same without first obtaining permission from the United States Shipping Board. In order to circumvent the law, therefore, he induced McGuish to make the purchase, furnishing him money necessary therefor, and instructing him to falsely swear in the enrollment papers that he, McGuish, was the sole owner of the said vessel. This plan having been carried out successfully, the "Monarch", though registered for coastwise trade only, proceeded to a foreign port, Nassau, where it became financially involved and was sold by judicial sale. Christie, significantly, was the vendee of such sale and acquired the boat at a ridiculously small figure.

There is under consideration at present a case which is almost identical both in point of type of vessel and places concerned. This indicates that the idea is becoming prevalent that the procedure involved is safe and beyond the law.

Christie, Smith and McGuish have conspired to violate several laws and are, of course, subject to indictment for conspiracy. Christie, unfortunately, is in the Bahamas and a conspiracy is a non-extraditable offense. He can, however, be indicted for subordination of perjury in that he induced McGuish to falsely swear to the material fact of ownership in making out

the vessel's papers at the time of the purchase.

There is available a sworn statement, referred to above, by Donald McGuish. In order to successfully institute extradition proceedings it is necessary to make out a strong prima facie case against the person to be extradited. With this end in view the Bureau has been requested to secure, if possible, a sworn statement from Russel Smith of Gloucester.

It is requested, therefore, that a Special Agent be delegated to proceed to Gloucester and obtain the following information;

1. Were any others concerned in the plot beside Christie, Smith and McGuish?

2. A sworn statement from Russel Smith in which he testifies

- (a) that Christie evolved the plan;
- (b) that he saw Christie give the money to McGuish;
- (c) that he heard Christie tell McGuish to falsely swear as to ownership;
- (d) that he heard Christie tell McGuish to take the ship to Nassau;
- (e) that Christie planned the collusive judicial sale in that place.

One Daniel Doyle, resident at #53 Prospect Street, Gloucester, was mate on the "Monarch" during the voyage to Nassau. He seems to have been cognizant of the plot and warned McGuish of the consequences during said voyage. He should, therefore, be interviewed and a statement from him be obtained, if possible.

Russel Smith, if necessary, should be confronted with the fact that he has been incriminated by the affidavit of McGuish and is subject to prosecution for conspiracy, and it is hoped that the matter will be ready for the grand jury which will convene in Boston in January.

I desire, therefore, that you assign a very competent Agent of your office to proceed to Gloucester and make this investigation. I have wired you today to ascertain the general reputation in the community of Russel Smith in order that Assistant Attorney General Wilbrandt may know of the character of the man and whether there is any possibility of his leaving the jurisdiction. The Agent assigned to the case should make every effort to obtain the sworn statement and should report very fully as to his general reputation and as to whether or not



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he is a person who will likely leave the jurisdiction. This is a very important matter and I wish you would give it most careful attention.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. HOOVER.

FACTS.

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One Russel Smith of Gloucester introduced McCuish to a Mr. Christie, a prosperous liquor dealer and rum runner from the Bahamas. Christie, it seems, was desirous of augmenting his rum-running fleet by the addition of the MONARCH, but because of his being a foreigner he could not purchase the same without first obtaining permission from the United States Shipping Board. In order to circumvent the law, therefore, he induced McCuish to make the purchase, furnishing him money necessary therefor, and instructing him to falsely swear in the enrollment papers that he, McCuish, was the sole owner of the said vessel. This plan having been carried out successfully, the MONARCH, though registered for

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We have under consideration at present a case which is almost identical both in point of type of vessel and places concerned. This indicates that the idea is becoming prevalent that the procedure involved is safe and beyond the law. For this reason we are especially anxious to get Christie, even if it becomes necessary to grant immunity to all others concerned.

Christie, Smith and McCuish have conspired to violate several of our laws and are of course subject to indictment for conspiracy. Christie, unfortunately, is now in the Bahamas and conspiracy is a non-extraditable offense. He can, however, be indicted for subornation of perjury in that he induced McCuish to falsely swear to the material fact of ownership in making out the vessel's papers at the time of the purchase.

We have available a sworn statement, referred to above, by Donald McCuish. In order to successfully institute extradition proceedings it is necessary to make out a strong prima facie case against the person to be extradicted. With this end in view it is desired to secure if possible a sworn statement from Russel Smith which will absolutely sew up the case against Christie.

It is requested, therefore, that a special agent be delegated to proceed to Gloucester, Massachusetts, and obtain the following information:

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McCuish has not been promised immunity, although the American Consul at Nassau has recommended that he be accorded leniency. The agent who utilized him, informing him indirectly that any action by



the Department in his favor will be dependent upon his cooperation  
in this matter.

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fact that he has been incriminated by the affidavit of McCuish and  
is subject to prosecution for conspiracy.

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which convenes in Boston in January and the agent should proceed with  
that end in view.

Frank Buckley  
# 737  
Box 209

December 8, 1922.

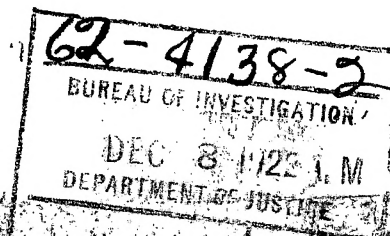
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Lettsman,  
Winthrop Building,  
Boston, Mass.

Direct competent Agent your office proceed Gloucester  
for the purpose ascertaining confidentially general  
situation of Russell Smith. Wire report. Letter  
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Department of Justice.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

Boston, Mass., December 7, 1922.

Burns,

Washington.

Two stop Replying to your telegram December sixth Russell Smith indicted Federal Court Boston September twenty three twenty one for smuggling liquor pleaded guilty? (nolo) ~~pro~~ fourteenth nineteen twenty one and paid fine two hundred fifty dollars Decidedly unpopular Gloucester and suspicion of being bootlegger.

Letherman.

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Letherman,

Winthrop Building,

Boston, Mass.

Wire general results obtained after interview with  
Russell <sup>Q</sup>Smith, a subject referred to my communica-  
tion seventh instant. Two.

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Letherman,

Winthrop Building,

Boston, Mass.

Wire immediately result investigation Russell Smith  
of Gloucester, Mass. Two.

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REPORT MADE AT: Boston, Mass. 12/7/22 PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/7-8/22 REPORT MADE BY: D. M. Casey.

TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

Russell Smith, : Confidential Inquiry for Bureau  
Gloucester, Mass. : (Boston Case #12234)

FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Gloucester, Mass.

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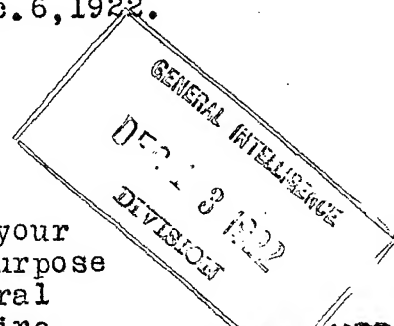
Based on Bureau Telegram dated December 6, 1922, as follows:

"Washington, D.C. Dec. 6, 1922.

Letherman,  
Winthrop Bldg.,  
Boston, Mass.

Direct competent agent your office proceed Gloucester for the purpose of ascertaining confidentially general reputation of Russell Smith. Stop. Wire report. Stop Letter follows Stop.

Burns"



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Agent desires to say that this subject is well known to Agent and first came to the attention of Agent while Agent was City Marshal of Gloucester, Mass., having been arrested by Agent at Gloucester about Sept. 4, 1921, and 131 cases of liquor seized which were in his care. Liquor had been unloaded from a boat and part placed on truck at Jones Creek, West Gloucester, for shipment to Gloucester. U. S. Custom House Officials at Boston soon after seized said liquor at Police Headquarters, Gloucester, and arrested subject.

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D. M. C.  
DMC:G

On December 7th Agent went to the office of the U. S. District Court at Federal Building, Boston, and obtained the following record of Ralph Russell Smith:

Complaint- Smuggling liquor into United States.

Indictment returned September 23, 1921.

Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner September 30, 1921. Pled not guilty.

Retracted plea of not guilty and pleaded Nolo October 14, 1921.

Sentenced to pay fine of \$250. by Judge Morton October 14, 1921, which was paid.

Agent then proceeded to Gloucester and received confidential information that subject with his family had lived in a large house for a year without working, having been discharged from Gordon Pew Co. for whom he had worked previous to his arrest as purchasing agent. Subject has no police record, but has been suspected of being a bootlegger or agent for high-class bootleggers. On account of his disposition subject is very unpopular in Gloucester. It would be very hard to find any man of standing who would recommend him. Also subject is what might be termed a spoiled boy as his father was quite wealthy and influential. If the question was asked in Gloucester as to subject's occupation, the answer would be most generally bootlegger.

Agent further learned that subject with others had bought the Merchant Box Factory at Gloucester, formerly owned by Gordon Pew Co., and were at present conducting same. Agent might add that subject's

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father Benjamin Smith was and is one of the largest stock holders of the Gordon Pew Co., Gloucester.

Unless otherwise instructed, Agent considers case close.

D. H. C.  
DMC:G



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December 19, 1922.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT.

I am attaching hereto copy of a report just received from our Boston office on the illegal sale of the schooner "Monarch". We have just wired for more specific details and the additional reports will be forwarded to you promptly upon receipt.

Very truly yours,

  
Director.

Encl.

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Case originated at BUREAU: Journal to be made at Originating  
Office ONLY: Instructions received from Spec. Agt. Wm. Letherman:

REPORT MADE AT: <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>DEC. 12, 1922</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>DEC. 12, 1922.</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>WILLIAM B. SNOW:</b>
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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

**SCHOONER "MONARCH" - Alleged Illegal Sale of:**

FACTS DEVELOPED: at GLOUCESTER, MASS.

Referring to Bureau Letter of December 6th, 1922, in-  
itialled JEH:LMR, concerning above captioned matter, the following is  
submitted as the result of a personal investigation at Gloucester,  
Mass., on the 11th instant.

I first conferred with officials at the Customs House,  
Gloucester, and an examination of pages 72-74 of "Records of Bills of  
Sale of Enrolled Vessels" located record of sale of the Schooner  
"MONARCH" eighty-three (83) tons net, by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company  
to Donald McCuish of Gloucester, Mass., which sale was recorded as of  
September 27th, 1922, the consideration being "\$1 and other valuable  
consideration" the transfer being made through Benjamin A. Smith, Pres-  
ident of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, witnessed by John D. McLoud,  
Notary Public, the latter mentioned being an employee of the corporation  
referred to.

The official number of the Schooner is 93005, and it  
appears from the records that she was built in Essex, Mass., during the  
year of 1900, her length being 103 feet; breadth,  
24' 8" and depth, 10' 8".

Permit No. 13 was  
granted December 10th, 1922 for her to  
be used for the period of one year in

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connection with cod and mackeral fisheries, this permit being signed by H. H. McKenzie, Deputy Collector of Customs, Gloucester, Mass.

Under date of September 27th, 1922, Captain Donald A. McCuish made oath that he was the sole owner of the Schooner in question and permanent certificate number 6 was issued allowing him to use the Schooner for coasting trade for a term of one year, and as far as the Customs officials were concerned they considered him as the sole owner at the time the sale was recorded.

After reviewing the above mentioned records, I learned that R. Russell Smith, the person referred to in Bureau Letter, was a son of Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, and is now assistant manager of the Merchants Box & Cooperage Company of Gloucester, which is an old, reputable concern; that he was, prior to one year since, purchasing agent for the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, but either resigned or was discharged about one year ago at the time he became involved in a liquor smuggling case for which offence he entered a plea of "nolo" and paid a fine of \$250 in October, 1921, at Boston, Mass.

A full statement relative to Mr. Smiths character, etc. will be found in report of Special Agent D. M. Casey, bearing date of December 8th, 1922, under the caption of "Russell Smith, Gloucester, Mass. - Boston #12234" to which attention is invited, this report being prompted through a telegram from the Bureau bearing date of December 6th of the present year.

After some little effort I finally succeeded in locating

Mr. Smith at his place of residence, #115 Western Avenue, Gloucester, Mass., at about 1 p.m. and found that he lived in a very nicely furnished apartment with his family, his surroundings giving the impression that he was a person enjoying the benefits of prosperity.

I went over the entire situation with this principal along lines suggested in Bureau Letter, and induced him to proceed to the offices of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company where he dictated a sworn statement of which the following is a copy, and the original accompanies this report:

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On or about Sept. 20th, I met in Gloucester a person claiming to be one McDonald, living in New York. He was looking to buy a Gloucester fishing vessel and to secure the services of a competent Captain.

McDonald was I should say between thirty-three and thirty-eight years old, about 5 ft. 5 in., smooth face, medium complexion, with light brown hair. He had all the earmarks of being a New Yorker, as he claimed.

Previous to this time, Capt. McCuish had approached me and told me that he was looking for a position as master of a vessel. Having this in mind, I suggested to Mr. McDonald that possibly McCuish could fill his requirements, and I introduced them.

A day or two after this, Capt. McCuish negotiated the purchase of the Sch. "MONARCH" from the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, and sailed out of Gloucester on or about Sept. 28th. Capt. McCuish paid for the vessel in cash prior to clearing from the Gloucester Custom House.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, when Capt. McCuish paid for the vessel, he became sole owner of her. At a subsequent time to the introduction of McCuish to McDonald I saw McDonald in Gloucester, but at that time, he did not tell me anything about being the owner of the vessel or furnishing the money for her purchase.



I had no means of knowing the nature of the work that the Sch. "MONARCH" was to be engaged in after leaving Gloucester; my sole interest in the matter was in the sale of the vessel.

Mr. Snow, special agent of the Dept. of Justice has mentioned about one Christie in regard to the sale of the "MONARCH"; I wish to state that I did not have this name associated at any time with the Sch. "MONARCH" until after Capt. McCuish returned to Gloucester from the Bahama Islands. As I understand, after leaving Gloucester, he told me he had some dealings with a man in connection with the vessel by the name of Christie.

(Sd) R. R. Smith

Sworn to before me this 11 day of Dec. 1922.

(Sd) J. D. McLoud,  
NotaryPublic  
Comm. Exp. 5/2/24."

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Subsequent to securing this statement, I examined the books of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company at their place of business, which indicated cash payments for the Schooner "MONARCH" by Captain McCuish as follows:

September 13th, 1922	- Cash.....	\$1000.
" 21st, 1922	- " .....	3000.
" 27th, 1922	- " .....	1000/
" 28th, 1922	- " .....	6000.
October 4th, 1922--	- " .....	1000.

I also conferred with Mr. John D. McLoud, local manager of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, who claimed that Captain McCuish made payments as above stated, also that he regarded him as the sole purchaser at the time the transfer was made.

I endeavored to interview Mr. Daniel Doyle, 53 Prospect Street, Gloucester, who was mate of the "MONARCH" during her voyage to

Nassau, and learned that nobody by name mentioned resided there, but later ascertained that his place of abode was #52 Prospect Street, at which point I was informed by a young girl that he was now with the U. S. Merchant Marine, but his present whereabouts were unknown by her, also that his wife was temporarily absent from home but was expected to return within a few days.

Learning that Captain McCuish had returned to Gloucester from the Bahamas and resided at #6 Lookout Street, I made an effort to interview him as there appeared to be many discrepancies between the statements he had made referred to in Bureau Letter, and those made by R. Russell Smith, but was unsuccessful in doing so, although I called at his residence on four occasions during the day, finding the house closed. I believe, however, it would be possible to get in touch with him in the near future and will endeavor to do so if requested.

In order to get at the facts intelligently relative to sale of the "MONARCH" it seems very important that Mr. Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company be interviewed but at the time of my visit it was impossible to do so as he is critically ill at his home where he has been confined for several weeks with heart trouble.

In the course of my investigation at the Gloucester Customs House, I noticed in a circular letter, C.I.E.-297, issued by the Customs Informant Exchange, 641 Washington Street, New York City, bearing date of November 21st, 1922, addressed to Customs Officials, signed "Frank Dow, Customs Agent in Charge", the following:

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"November 10-- Br. Aux. Schooner MONARCH, 90 tons,  
Master B. E. Olsen. Shippers G. F.  
Christie & Co. Cleared for St.  
Pierre, Miquelon with 3000 cases  
liquor.

(The VETA LOUISE, reported for the week ending Oct. 16, and the LOUISE, in the week ending Oct. 29, were compelled by sea damage to return to Nassau and their cargoes believed unbroached. Part of the cargo of each is believed to have been sent forward in the MONARCH. This MONARCH is the vessel reported in my despatch No. 408 dated Oct. 8, 1922, which recites the history of the most impudent transfer to British flag yet attempted. The Bahamas Clourt and buyers at the auction sale were notified that the vessel was liable to forfeiture under the provisions of section 4337, R. S.)."

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In a similar communication issued through source mentioned, bearing date of November 16th, 1922, C. I. E. - 214, the following appears relative to Schooner "CAVALIER":

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"October 31-- Br. Schnr. CAVALIER, 133 tons, Name of Master, Haines, Name of Shippers, A. H. Kelly, for St. Pierre with 2000 cases liquor.

This vessel sold October 22, 1922, under decree of Nassau Courts. The case was reported to the State Department in Despatch No. 415, dated October 30, 1922. It is believed that the vessel was bought in Gloucester, Mass., for A.H.Kelly, licensed liquor dealer of Nassau and that the Master and alleged owner, George Haines of St. Petersburg, Fla., swore falsely to ownership and cleared falsely for Key West under temporary certificate of enrollment No. 7 dated Gloucester, September 30, 1922. He pretended to have been driven to Nassau by necessity. The Acting Chief Justice was notified in writing that the vessel was liable to forfeiture under the provisions of Section 4327 of the Revised Statutes and the letter was read by the Provost Marshal at the sale."

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From still another communication of a similar character bearing date of November 23d, 1922, C. I. E. -360, the following is quoted, which is self-explanatory:

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"I have the honor to report the no doubt collusive sale under order of the Bahaman Courts of the American auxiliary Schooner CAVALIER, of Tampa, Florida, George Haines, of St. Petersburg, Florida, Master and owner. This vessel arrived at Nassau October 11, 1922, from Gloucester, Massachusetts, and the Master produced certificate of Enrollment, temporary no. 7, dated Gloucester, September 30, 1922, naming him as owner. The conditions are precisely those of the Schooner MONARCH, reported in my despatch No. 408, dated October 21, 1922, but the master was evasive and no such complete information can be sent as was forwarded about the other vessel.

"On depositing his papers, his attention drawn to his arrival at a foreign port with a coasting license, Capt. Haines stated that he cleared from Gloucester, Massachusetts for Key West in ballast, but "perverse winds, shortage of food, and damage to hull" brought him, he said to Nassau. He accounted for absence of articles by saying that the Shipping Commissioner was in a hurry and told him to go without them. Asked if he desired to execute a protest he replied that there was no one to protest against, that he was sole owner, that he came in ballast, and that there was no insurance on the vessel.

"As was expected an advertisement of sale by order of the Supreme Court of Bahamas appeared in due course. In pursuance of the direction conveyed in the Department's instruction dated August 31, last (File No. 1952 "Wallace") the Acting Chief Justice was informed that vessel was liable to forfeiture under the provisions of Section 4337 of the Revised Statutes and the letter was read by the Provost Marshall at the sale. A copy of the reply of the Chief Justice is sent with this despatch.

"The buyer was Mr. Allan H. Kelly, a well known and successful liquor dealer of Nassau, and the owner of other vessels engaged in smuggling liquor. The price paid was £ 425, say \$1,870., probably about one-fifth of the true value of the vessel.

"It is to be inferred that the vessel was bought in Gloucester for Mr. Kelly, and was sent to Nassau under the falsely declared ownership of an American citizen, and a clearance for a falsely stated domestic port.

"A copy of the crew list is inclosed, but the addresses of the respective members of it cannot be given. They are believed to reside in Gloucester, Massachusetts."

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The following is copied from a similar communication bearing date of November 16th, 1922, C. I. E. - 217:

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To Customs Officials:-

Your attention is invited to the following information furnished this office by Wm. B. Harney, Customs Agent Acting in Charge at the Port of Boston:-

"The auxiliary schooner "Fannie Prescott" of Gloucester, Mass. was sold on Nov. 9th last, by the Gorton Pew Company, of Gloucester, to Joseph Sheehan, of St. John, N. B. This vessel cleared from Gloucester on the 11th instant for Kingston, Jamaica.

"From information in the possession of this office it is believed that this vessel is going to engage in rum smuggling from St. Pierre, Miquelon, to points along Massachusetts Bay. Joseph Sheehan, the purchaser of the "Fannie Prescott", was known to have been the representative in Boston for one Jean B. Legasse, of St. Pierre, Miquelon, a wholesale liquor dealer of that place. The description of the "Fannie Prescott" is as follows: Two masts; hull black; 124 tons gross; 74 tons net; length 101 feet; beam 24 feet; depth 11.4 feet; 75 horse power engine."

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While examining the records at the Gloucester Customs house I noted that the last record of transfer prior to that of the sale of the "MONARCH" was the following:

"Schooner "CAVALIER" 96 tons net; sold by  
Gorton-Pew Vessels Company to George Haines,  
St. Petersburg, Fla., September 21, 1922."

and it would seem for reasons above quoted that the conditions surrounding this sale were identical to that of the "MONARCH."

In view of the numerous sales of old Schooners by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, at prices materially above their actual value, which seem to have been disposed of under similar conditions, I am led to believe that this company has little concern relative to the manner in which the transfers are made, or for what purpose the Schooners are to be used, as long as satisfactory prices are realized and Mr. R. Russell Smith secures his commission on such sales.

Will give the matter further attention along anylines suggested if requested to do so, or treat the case as closed if not further advised. Have wired preliminary report under even date, as requested in Bureau Telegram of December 9th.

W B S - J E K

*W. B. Snow*  
actg act-in Charge

Mr. W. B. Snow,  
Special Agent Dept. of Justice,  
7 Water St.,  
Boston, Mass.

STATEMENT BY R. R. SMITH RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF SCH. MONARCH

SEPTEMBER, 1922.

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A day or two after this, Capt. McCuish negotiated the purchase of the Sch. "MONARCH" from the Gorton Pew Vessels Company, and sailed out of Gloucester on or about Sept. 28th. Capt. McCuish paid for the vessel in cash prior to clearing from the Gloucester Custom House.

To the best of my knowledge and belief when Capt. McCuish paid for the vessel, he became sole owner of her. At a subsequent time to the introduction of McCuish to McDonald I saw McDonald in Gloucester, but at that time, he did not tell me anything about being the owner of the vessel, or furnishing the money for her purchase.

I had no means of knowing the nature of the work that the Sch. "MONARCH" was to be engaged in after leaving Gloucester; my sole interest in the matter was in the sale of the vessel.

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Mr. Snow, special agent of the Dept. of Justice has mentioned about one Christie in regard to the sale of the "MONARCH"; I wish to state that I did not have this name associated at any time with the Sch. "MONARCH" until after Capt. McCuish returned to Gloucester from the Bahama Islands. As I understand, after leaving Gloucester, he told me had some dealings with a man in connection with the vessel by the name of Christie.

Sworn to before me this

11 day of June 1924

James Bond  
Notary Public  
Glover #5/2/24

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Winthrop Building

Boston Mass.

Refer report Snow twelfth illegal sale schooner Monarch  
review my letter sixth on five points to be covered in  
statement Russell Smith stop Endeavor ascertain whether  
Christie identical with Kelly also try procure more on  
points indicated as Smiths statement not sufficiently  
in detail stop Cover immediately and expedite reports  
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British Auxiliary schooners Monarch and Cavalier with Captains Olson and Haines reported cleared from Hasset for St Pierre heavily laden liquor evidently Christmas shipment destined US stop These vessels formerly American owned and subject to forfeiture for violations law relative fraudulent transfer stop Coast Guard Customs and Prohibition officers notified stop Use every effort possible in conjunction with other services to apprehend and wire stop two

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and to:

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Brennan, Park Row Building, New York, N. Y.  
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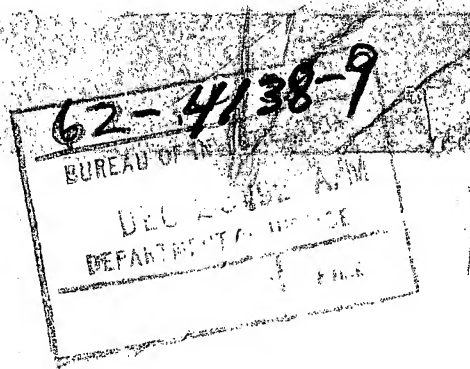
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Boston, Massachusetts

Referring case Schooner Monarch additional instructions  
received today that investigation be expedited and given  
precedence over other matters stop Believed that if McGuish  
is properly handled possible get action against Smith and  
Christie stop two

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January 3, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT.

I am attaching hereto for the attention of Mr. Buckley, a copy of a report just received from our Boston office, further with regard to the Steamship "Monarch".

I have today wired our Boston office that this case is not to be closed, but that he is to immediately locate the members of the crew whose names and addresses have been forwarded.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl.

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CREW LIST OF  
SCHOONER MONARCH  
GLOUCESTER, MASS.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Donald A. McCuish	Master, U.S.A.	5 Lookout Street <i>Gloucester</i>
Daniel Doyle	Mats. Canada	52 Prospect Street "
Antone Marks	Cook, Port*	17 Saddler Street "
Abraham William	Engr. N. S.	5 Wash. Street "
Dan McEchern	O.S. N. S.	1 Stacys B. "
John McLangley	O.S. N. S.	10 Arthur Street "
Charles McKay	O.S. N. S.	82 Pleasant Street "

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

SCHOONER "MONARCH" - Alleged Illegal Sale of:

62-4138

FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Gloucester, Mass.

Referring to above-captioned matter, based upon Bureau telegram of the 19th instant, reading as follows:

"Refer report Snow twelfth, Illegal sale Schooner "Monarch", review my letter sixth on five points to be covered in statement Russell Smith. Stop. Endeavor ascertain whether Christie identical with Kelly. Also try procure more on points indicated, as Smith's statement not sufficiently in detail. Stop. Cover immediately and expedite reports. Stop. two."

Upon receipt of the above, I immediately proceeded to Gloucester, Mass., for the purpose of making further investigation along lines suggested, as a result of which the following is submitted:

At the time of making my previous investigation, covered by my report of the 12th instant, I endeavored in every possible way to secure a full statement from R. Russell Smith in accordance with suggestion in Bureau letter of December 6, Page 2, especially the five points "a, b, c, d, e", but he insisted upon dictating a statement in his own language, which consisted of a sworn statement, forwarded with and quoted in my report of December 12.

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On the occasion of my previous visit to Gloucester and again today, I confronted Mr. Smith with the fact that he had doubtless been incriminated by an affidavit already in

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possession of the Department which subjected him to prosecution for conspiracy in connection with sale of the Schooner "Monarch" and had prepared an affidavit covering specifically the five points referred to, but he positively refused to sign it or make any further statements, advising that his former statement was in his own language and covered the situation, in his opinion, fully, further stating that he had no fear of being implicated in connection with any illegal act, as he negotiated the sale of this ship, as well as others, to American subjects for legal purposes as far as he knew and knew no one else in connection with the purchase; consequently, did not feel that he should be further concerned, as the sales were made at satisfactory prices to the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company.

In regard to sale of the "Cavalier", concerning which I questioned him, he gave me a written sworn statement, which accompanies this report, of which the following is a copy:

"STATEMENT BY R. R. SMITH RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF SCH. CAVALIER

AUGUST 1922

Capt. George Haines came on here late in August and negotiated for the purchase of the Sch. "CAVALIER". Haines claimed to have been an old time Gloucester Captain, now located at St. Petersburg, Florida.

He claimed to have been engaged in the fishing party business at St. Petersburg, and was to use the Sch. "CAVALIER" in this sort of work at St. Petersburg.

After buying the vessel, he made extensive repairs, and installed a wireless telephone and radio apparatus.

He sailed from here late in September. So far as I have knowledge, Capt. Haines was the sole owner of the Schooner when she left this port, and I have no reason to doubt but what he was going to use her in the business he claimed.

I never heard tell of any Mr. Kelley in connection with



the purchase of this boat or any other boat.

(Signed) R. R. Smith.

Sworn to before me this 20 day of Dec. 1922

(Signed) J. D. McLoud,  
Notary Public  
Comm. Exp. 5/2/1924"

RRS\*KFM

In the course of our conversation he admitted verbally that he had heard of both Kelly and Christie of the Bahamas and understood that they were competitors in the liquor business but not connected in any way, although engaged along similar lines.

I again called at the Customs House in Gloucester and made further inquiry at that point with a view to establishing a connection between Christie and Kelly, but was unable to obtain anything in addition to that embodied in my former report, as their records show ownership of the "Monarch" by Captain McCuish as stated in my previous report; also, that the "Cavalier" was owned solely by Captain George E. Haines, #1709 Third Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida, as he made oath to that effect on September 30, 1922 at the time of taking out a consolidated certificate of enrollment and license for coasting trade.

I examined the books at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, Gloucester, which indicated that Captain Haines made payments for the Schooner "Cavalier" as follows:

August 22, 1922 - Cash	.....	\$ 100.
September 1, 1922 - "	.....	900.
" 16, 1922 - "	.....	2000.
" 20, 1922 - "	.....	8000.
Total	.....	<u>\$11000.</u>

Mr. John D. McLoud, notary public and bookkeeper for the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, informed me that he was not aware of any connection between the purchases and ownership of the "Monarch" and the "Cavalier", as the former was paid for by Captain McCuish of Gloucester and the latter by Captain Haines of Florida, who were certainly different persons, further stating that Mr. Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company really had charge of sales of the vessels in question and could perhaps furnish further details, but he is still critically ill at his home and could not be interviewed.

The quotations in my former report on Pages 6-8 from circular letters issued by the Customs Informant Exchange, New York City, were from data originally furnished by Mr. L. A. Lothrop, American Consul, Nassau, Bahamas and it is noted that he refers to A. H. Kelly, licensed liquor dealer of Nassau in connection with the Schooner "Cavalier" and to G. F. Christie & Company, owners of the Schooner "Monarch", which would seem to indicate that the two concerns are not identical, and he could doubtless furnish full information along those lines if requested to do so.

Mr. R. Russell Smith is, no doubt, in full sympathy with the present mode of liquor traffic and, as stated in my former report, has been implicated in connection with a liquor smuggling case. I believe that he really knows much more than he is willing to state relative to Christie and Kelly, being indirectly connected with the two schooner transactions, but seems to prefer to take a chance of being implicated in connection with same, rather than make any

William B. Snow for Dec. 21, 1922.

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further statement.

Case CLOSED unless further investigation is required at  
this end.

*W. B. Snow*  
*Acty. Asst. in Charge* WBS:ZN

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 20, 1922.

Mr. W. B. Snow,  
Special Agent Dept. of Justice,  
7 Water St.,  
Boston, Mass.

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Sworn to before me this 20 day of Dec

*J. D. McLeod*  
Notary Public

RRS\*KEM

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Mr. Lawrence Letherman,  
Box 3185,  
Boston, Mass.

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copies of papers just received from the office of Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt, further with regard to the Schooner "Monarch".

I want you to give this matter immediate and thorough attention and follow out the lines suggested in the memorandum of Mr. Buckley, procuring such additional information as is possible.

This case should be given precedence over current matters and an extra copy of your report forwarded marked for the attention of Mr. Frank Buckley.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
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AND REFER TO  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.



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December 20, 1922.

Memorandum for Mr. Hoover

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RSH

Attached hereto is a crew list of the "Monarch"  
together with sworn statement of Captain McCuish.

I think that each member of the crew should be  
interrogated fully as to their knowledge of anything  
that occurred or was said before, during, or after the  
voyage of the "Monarch" to Nassau.

An investigation should also be made of the Gordon  
Pew Company of Gloucester. These people seem to have  
sold fishing schooners on a wholesale scale without  
troubling themselves over the circumstances surrounding  
the transactions involved. Could not it be determined  
how many sales these people have made to foreigners;  
what broker arranged same; and dates involved. There  
might also be some general community gossip relative to  
these transactions and to the activities of the Smith  
family in connection therewith.

This matter has possibilities that should be de-  
veloped if possible.

Very truly yours,

Frank Buckley

Mr. Boston  
12/22/22  
W.H.

C O P Y.

The Bahama Islands, The Port of Nassau,  
Consulate of the United States of America, SS:

I, Lorin A. Lathrop, Consul of the United States of America  
at Nassau, Bahamas duly commissioned and qualified, do  
hereby certify that the annexed copy of the sworn declar-  
ation of Captain Donald A. McGuish is a true and faithful  
copy of the original filed in this Consulate, the same  
having been carefully examined by me and compared with the  
said original, and found to agree therewith word for word  
and figure for figure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have  
hereunto set my hand and  
the seal of the Consulate  
at Nassau, Bahamas, this  
twenty-first day of October  
1922.

.....  
Consul of the United States  
of America at Nassau, in the  
Bahama Islands.

Service No. 1233 No fee.

AMERICAN CONSUL

Nassau, Bahamas.

Copy of declaration of Donald A. McGuish, Master and registered owner of the American Auxiliary Schooner, MONARCH.

I, Donald A. McGuish, American citizen, 5 Lookout Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts, do solemnly swear that in September last I was approached in Gloucester by Mr. Russell Smith of Gloucester and he brought me in touch with a man I now know is Mr. Christie of Nassau. Mr. Christie gave me \$13,500. or thereabouts to buy the aux. Schooner MONARCH and at his request I said I was registered as owner. I was to bring the vessel to Nassau. I knew no more than that a British subject had bought the vessel which could not be registered in his name, and I did not know that there was anything illegal about my taking the vessel like this and I did not know that any permission was needed from the Shipping Board to transfer a vessel from the American flag. On board the vessel with conversation with Mr. Doyle, one of the crew, speaking of transfer of American vessels to foreign flags, he says I think I have a book covering those laws of the Merchant Marine. He got this book issued in 1920. Its a book to make officers familiar along with American laws in the Merchant Marine. I seen into the book that you can't transfer American registered vessels to foreign flags without permission from our government. I says to Mr. Doyle "I better go and see the American Consul." I didn't want to involve myself nor have anything to do with breaking the laws of our government. On arrival at Nassau I saw Mr. Christie and he supplied at my request, supplies and bolts and paid boat hire and so on to the legitimate amount of about five hundred dollars. On the eleventh



this was debts on the vessel for supplies. Mr. Christie come to me and says you will have to take an oath that those bills were owed by the vessel. I went to the office of a lawyer, Mr. Solomon, and found the bills right. I then went before the Chief Justice and swore the bills was right. I make this statement of my own will and I will not be implicated in anything illegal about the transfer of an American vessel.

(Signed) Donald A. McCuish

Sworn to this 14th day of  
October, 1922,

BEFORE ME

(signed) Lorin A. Lathrop

Consul of the United States  
of America at Nassau in the  
Bahama Islands.

Instructions received from Special Agent in Charge, Edw. J. Brennan. T.A.S.  
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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>IN RE: S. S. MONARCH &amp; CAVIALTER.</b> <b>All. Viol. Nat'l Prohibition Act.</b> <b>New York File #34896</b>			
FACTS DEVELOPED: <b>At New York, N. Y.</b> <b>Reference is made to postal telegram received from the Director December 21st, 1922, addressed to Mr. Brennan, Special Agent in Charge of this Bureau, in re the above entitled matter.</b> <b>Pursuant to instructions, Agent interviewed CAPTAIN BARRY, Coast Guard Barge Office, New York City. CAPTAIN BARRY stated that he had already been notified about the shipment of liquor and they are doing everything possible to capture these schooners.</b> <b>Your Agent next interviewed the Collector of Customs, Customs House, New York City, who also stated that they had been notified of this shipment of liquor and that they were doing everything possible to capture the ships.</b> <b>Agent then interviewed MR. YELLOWLEY, Acting Prohibition Director of New York State, who said that they have been notified by Washington of the shipment of liquor and that he is doing everything possible to capture these schooners.</b> <b>Closed pending receipt of further information.</b>			
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BOSTON, MASS.	DEC. 23, 1922	DEC. 22, 1922	WILLIAM B. SNOW
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:			
SCHOONER "MONARCH"- Alleged Illegal Sale of:			
FACTS DEVELOPED: at BOSTON, MASS.			
Referring to above captioned matter based upon Bureau Telegram of the 21st inst. reading as follows:			
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Immediately upon receipt of the above I gave this matter further attention and among those conferred with were M. P. Mann Deputy Surveyor of Customs, Captain Charles T. Tuckett, Boarding Division, Owen P. McKenna and W. B. Harney, Special Agents, Customs Dept., as well as other officials at the Customs House, this city, and have to advise that the matter is receiving careful attention at their hands, and has been taken up with the Commander, Eastern Division of the U. S. Coast Guard, which official has sent out necessary orders to all points in New England, including radio instructions to several boats, instructing that the schooners referred to, viz			
"MONARCH" and "CAVALIER" be intercepted if located outside of the three mile limit with the understanding that this office be immediately notified provided			
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ing they are apprehended.

In addition to the above, I conferred with Mr. Elmer C. Potter, Federal Prohibition Director, this city, and he assured me that he would cooperate in every way possible and advise this office immediately provided he obtained any information of value, but called my attention to the fact that he was powerless to act outside of the three mile limit as he had no boats at his command.

If any information of value is obtained will immediately forward same by wire to the Department, otherwise I am treating the matter as CLOSED.



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Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation.

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Raleigh, N. C.,  
December 27, 1922.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Attention Mr. Hoover-2.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the  
following telegram dated December 21st, 1922:

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Cavalier with Captains Olsen and Haines  
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tion with other services to apprehend and  
wire Stop Two."

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This matter will have the attention of  
this office, and if anything is learned concerning these  
schooners, I will notify you by telegram immediately,

Very truly yours,

*A. L. Auen*  
A. L. Auen.  
Agent in Charge.

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Boston Massachusetts

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Refer report Agent Snow twentieth on Schooner Monarch  
case is not to be closed as no reports received indicating  
you have interviewed members of crew whose names and  
addresses were forwarded stop. Please give this case  
more careful attention stop ~~ms~~

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Department of Justice.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

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Boston, Mass.

January 4, 1923.



BURNS,

Washington.

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Two. Replying to your telegram re schooner Monarch case has been receiving careful additional attention by Agent Snow completion of investigation unavoidably delayed various reasons but report will go forward within few days.

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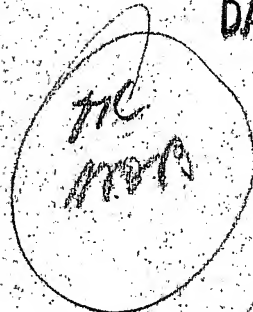
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ATTENTION MR. HOOVER

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

G. F. CRISTEE : Br. Schooner "MONARCH" :  
C. H. KELLY : Br. Schooner "CAVALIER" : SMUGGLING

FACTS DEVELOPED:

AT GALVESTON, TEXAS.

On December 30, 1922, Hon. R. W. Humphreys, Collector of the port of Galveston, Texas, caused following information to be given this Agent for transmission to Houston District office:

"TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS  
SERVICE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

December 28, 1922

Office of Special Agent.

The Collector of Customs,  
Galveston, Texas.

Sir:-

The following telegram, which is self-explanatory, was received today from the Department at Washington:

"Notify all Customs and Coast Guard officers along coast in your district British Auxiliary Schooner "MONARCH", 90 tons, G.F. Cristee, master, cleared Nassau Sunday, 17th, with 3000 cases liquor. Also Schooner (British) "CAVALIER", 133 tons, C.H. Kelly, master, cleared Nassau same day, 2000 cases liquor. All for Saint Pierre. These vessels known smugglers Department Justice desirous apprehension".

Please advise all Customs officers under your direction as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) Don A. Stone,  
Special Agent, Acting in Charge."

Foregoing information is transmitted to Bureau because last four words in telegram quoted above and for advice if investigation is desired, pending receipt of which information file

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January 12, 1923.

Letherman  
Winthrop Bldg  
Boston Mass.

Refer my telegram 3rd and previous correspondence relet  
SCROONER MONARCH STOP Necessary I have reports at once  
as four other departments calling for results STOP  
Investigation should include interview of crew and parti-  
attention given McCuish

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REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: JAN. 11, 1923	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: JAN. 11, 1923	REPORT MADE BY: WILLIAM B. SNOW:
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: SCHOONER "MONARCH" et al * * * * * Alleged Illegal Sale Of:			
FACTS DEVELOPED: at <u>GLOUCESTER</u> and <u>BOSTON, MASS.</u>			
<p>This case was originally based upon Bureau Letter of December 6th, 1922, initialed JEH:LMR, stating in substance that the American auxiliary fishing schooner "MONARCH" of Gloucester, Mass., was purchased at that point during the month of September, 1921, by one CAPTAIN DONALD A. McCUIISH of #5 Lookout Street, that city, under circumstances explained in a sworn affidavit made by him before the American Consul at Nassau, Bahamas, from which it appears that one R. RUSSELL SMITH of Gloucester, Mass., introduced CAPT. McCUIISH to a MR. CHRISTIE, a prosperous liquor dealer and rum runner from the Bahamas. CHRISTIE, it seems, was desirous of augmenting his rum running fleet by the addition of the "MONARCH", but because of his being a foreigner he could not purchase same without first obtaining permission from the United States Shipping Board. In order to circumvent the law, therefore, he induced McCUIISH to make the purchase, furnishing him money therefor and instructing him to falsely swear to the enrollment papers that he, McCUIISH, was the sole owner of said vessel.</p> <p>This plan having been carried out</p> <p>successfully, the "MONARCH", though registered for coastwise trade only, proceeded to a foreign port, Nassau, where it became financially involved</p>			
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and was sold by judicial sale. CHRISTIE, significantly, was the vendee of such sale, and acquired the boat at a ridiculously low price.

In view of the above it appeared that CHRISTIE, R. RUSSELL SMITH and McCuish formed a conspiracy to violate several laws, consequently subject to indictment for conspiracy. CHRISTIE, unfortunately is in the Bahamas, and a conspiracy is a non-extraditable offence, but he can, however, be indicted for subordination of perjury in that he induced McCuish to falsely swear to the material fact of ownership in making out the vessel's papers at time of purchase.

The Bureau Letter further advised that there was available the sworn statement above referred to, and in order to successfully institute extradition proceedings it was necessary to make out a strong prima facia evidence against the person to be extradited, and with this end in view the Bureau requested to secure if possible a sworn statement from R. RUSSELL SMITH of Gloucester, in which he should testify

- (a) that Christie evolved the plan;
- (b) that he saw Christie give the money to McCuish;
- (c) that he heard Christie tell McCuish to falsely swear as to ownership;
- (d) That he heard Christie tell McCuish to take the ship to Nassau;
- (e) that Christie planned the collusive judicial sale in that place.

In addition to the above it was requested that R. RUSSELL SMITH be confronted with the fact that he had been incriminated by the affidavit of McCuish, consequently was subject to prosecution for conspiracy, and it was further requested that one DANIEL DOYLE, residing at #53 Prospect Street, Gloucester, who was Mate of the "MONARCH" dur-

ing the voyage to Nassau, be interviewed, as he seemed to have been cognizant of the plot and warned McCUISE of the consequences during said voyage.

Upon receipt of the above I proceeded to Gloucester, and as a result of which submitted a report under date of December 12, 1922, advising that I first conferred with the officials at the Customs House in Gloucester, and an examination of "Records of Bills of Sale of Enrolled Vessels", pages 72-74, disclosed record of sale of the Schr. "MONARCH", 83 tons net, by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, to Donald A. McCuish of Gloucester, Mass., which sale was recorded as of September 27th, 1922, the consideration being given as "\$1.00 and other valuable consideration" the transfer being made through Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, witnessed by John D. McLoud, Notary Public, the latter mentioned being an employee of the corporation referred to. The official number of the Schooner was 93005 and it appeared from the records that she was built in Essex, Mass., during the year of 1900, her length being 103'; breadth 24' 8", and depth 10' 8".

Under date of September 27th, 1922, Captain DONALD A. McCUISE made oath that he was the sole owner of the Schooner in question, and permanent certificate No. 6 was issued allowing him to use same for coasting trade during the term of one year, and as far as the Customs officials were concerned they considered him the sole owner at the time sale was recorded.

After reviewing the above mentioned records, I learned

that R. RUSSELL SMITH the person referred to in Bureau Letter, was the son of Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, and now employed by the Merchants Box & Cooperage Company of Gloucester, an old reputable concern; that he was, prior to one year since, Purchasing Agent for the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, but was discharged, or resigned about that time, when he became involved in a liquor smuggling case for which offence he entered a plea of nolo and paid a fine of \$250. in October, 1921, at Boston, Mass.

Full Statement relative to R. RUSSELL SMITH'S character will be found in report of Special Agent D. M. Casey, bearing date of December 8th, 1922, under caption of "RUSSELL SMITH, GLOUCESTER, MASS. Boston No. 12234" to which attention is invited, this report having been prompted through a telegram from the Bureau bearing date of December 6th, 1922.

After some little difficulty, I finally succeeded in locating R. RUSSELL SMITH at his place of residence, #115 Western Avenue, Gloucester, Mass., and noted that he lived in a very nicely furnished apartment, with his family, the surroundings giving the impression of financial prosperity.

I went over the situation very fully with this party along lines suggested in Bureau Letter, and finally induced him to proceed to the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company where he consented to dictate a sworn statement, in his own way, of which the following is a copy, the original having been forwarded to the Department with my previous report:

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"On or about Sept. 20th, I met in Gloucester a person claiming to be one McDonald, living in New York. He was looking to buy a Gloucester fishing vessel and to secure the services of a competent Captain.

"McDonald was I should say between thirty-three and thirty-eight years old, about 5 ft. 5 in. smooth face, medium complexion, with light brown hair. He had all the earmarks of being a New Yorker, as he claimed.

"Previous to this time, Capt. McCuish had approached me and told me that he was looking for a position as master of a vessel. Having this in mind, I suggested to Mr. McDonald that possibly McCuish could fill his requirements, and I introduced them.

"A day or two after this, Capt. McCuish negotiated the purchase of the Sch. "MONARCH" from the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company and sailed out of Gloucester on or about Sept. 28th. Capt. McCuish paid for the vessel in cash prior to clearing from the Gloucester Custom House.

"To the best of my knowledge and belief, when Capt. McCuish paid for the vessel, he became sole owner of her. At a subsequent time to the introduction of McCuish to McDonald I saw McDonald in Gloucester, but at that time he did not tell me anything about being the owner of the vessel or furnishing the money for her purchase.

"I had no means of knowing the nature of the work that the Sch. "MONARCH" was to be engaged in after leaving Gloucester; my sole interest in the matter was in the sale of the vessel.

"Mr. Snow, Special Agent of the Dept. of Justice, has mentioned about one Christie in regard to the sale of the "MONARCH"; I wish to state that I did not have this name associated at any time with the Sch. "MONARCH" until after Capt. McCuish returned to Gloucester from the Bahama Islands. As I understand, after leaving Gloucester, he told me had some dealings with a man in connection with the

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vessel by the name of Christie.

(Sd) R. R. Smith.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of Dec. 1922.

(Sd) J. D. McLoud,  
Notary Public,  
Comm. Expires 5/2/24."

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Subsequent to securing this statement, I made an examination of the books at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, in Gloucester, which indicated cash payments for the Schooner "MONARCH", but the records did not show name of person from whom the money was actually received, the dates and payments being as follows:

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September 13, 1922 - - Cash - - - - - \$1000.00  
" 21, 1922 - - Cash - - - - - 3000.00  
" 27, 1922 - - Cash - - - - - -1000.00  
" 28, 1922 - - Cash - - - - - 6000.00  
October 4, 1922 - - Cash - - - - - 1000.00  
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After copying the above data I conferred with Mr. John D. McLoud, an office employe of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, who stated that as far as he could recall, Captain McCuish made payments as above stated and that he regarded him as the sole owner of the Schooner.

I made an effort to interview Mr. DANIEL DOYLE, 53 Prospect Street, Gloucester, as requested, who was mate of the "MONARCH" during her voyage to Nassau, and finally learned that his place of abode was

#52 Prospect Street, at which point I was informed by a young girl, in charge of the premises, that he was employed in the U. S. Merchant Marine service, but his present whereabouts were unknown to her or his wife, the latter being temporarily absent from her home.

Learning through the Custom House officials that Captain McCuish had returned to Gloucester from the Bahamas, I made an effort to interview him, and was unsuccessful, although I called at his residence on four occasions during the day, finding the house closed in each instance. I stated, however, in my report that I believed it would be possible to get in touch with him in the near future, and would endeavor to do so if requested. I also called attention to the fact that it seemed very important to interview BENJAMIN A. SMITH, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, but that this was impossible at the time of my visit as he was critically ill at his home, where he had been confined for several weeks, with heart trouble, requiring the services of trained nurses both day and night.

While conducting my investigation at the Gloucester Custom House on date mentioned, I noticed in a circular letter, C.I.E.297, issued by the Customs Information Exchange, 641 Washington Street, New York City, bearing date of November 21st, 1922, addressed to Customs Officials, signed "Frank Dow, Customs Agent in Charge", the following:

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"November 10--Br.Aux.Schooner MONARCH, 90 tons,  
Master B.E.Olsen. Shippers G.F.  
Christie & Co. Cleared for St.  
Pierre, Miquelon with 300 cases  
liquor.



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(The VETA LOUISE, reported for the week ending Oct. 16, and the LOUISE, in the week ending Oct. 29, were compelled by sea damage to return to Nassau and their cargoes believed unbroached. Part of the cargo of each is believed to have been sent forward in the MONARCH. This MONARCH is the vessel reported in my despatch No. 408 dated Oct. 8, 1922, which recites the history of the most impudent transfer to British flag yet attempted. The Bahamas Court and buyers at the auction sale were notified that the vessel was liable to forfeiture under the provisions of Sec. 4337, R. S.)."

In a similar communication issued through source mentioned, bearing date of November 16th, 1922, C.I.E.214, the following appears relative to the Schooner "CAVALIER":

"October 31--Br.Schnr. CAVALIER, 133 tons. Name of Master, Haines. Name of Shippers. A.H.Kelly, for St. Pierre with 2000 cases of liquor.

"This vessel sold October 22, 1922, under decree of Nassau Courts. The case was reported to the State Department in Despatch No. 415, dated October 30, 1922. It is believed that the vessel was bought in Gloucester, Mass., for A.H. Kelly, licensed liquor dealer of Nassau and that the Master and alleged owner, George Haines, of St. Petersburg, Fla., swore falsely to ownership and cleared falsely for Key West under temporary certificate of enrollment No. 7 dated Gloucester, September 30, 1922. He pretended to have been driven to Nassau by necessity. The Acting Chief Justice was notified in writing that the vessel was liable to forfeiture under the provisions of Section 4327 of the Revised Statutes and the letter was read by the Provost Marshal at the sale."

From still another communication of a similar character, bearing date of November 23d, 1922, C.I.E.360, the following is quoted, which is self-explanatory:

"I have the honor to report the no doubt collusive sale under order of the Bahaman Courts of the American Auxiliary Schooner CAVALIER, of Tampa, Florida, George Haines of St. Petersburg, Florida, Master and owner. This vessel arrived at Nassau October 11, 1922 from Gloucester,

Massachusetts, and the Master produced certificate of Enrollment, temporary No. 7, dated Gloucester, Sept. 30, 1922, naming him as owner. The conditions are precisely those of the Schooner MONARCH, reported in my despatch No. 408, dated October 21, 1922, but the Master was evasive and no such complete information can be sent as was forwarded about the other vessel.

"On depositing his papers, his attention drawn to his arrival at a foreign port with a coasting license, Capt. Haines stated that he cleared from Gloucester, Mass., for Key West in ballast, but "perverse winds, shortage of food, and damage to hull" brought him, he said, to Nassau. He accounted for absence of articles by saying that the Shipping Commissioner was in a hurry and told him to go without them. Asked if he desired to execute a protest he replied that there was no one to protest against, that he was sole owner, that he came in ballast, and that there was no insurance on the vessel.

"As was expected an advertisement of sale by order of the Supreme Court of Bahamas appeared in due course. In pursuance of the direction conveyed in the Department's instruction dated August 31, last (File No. 1952 "Wallace") the Acting Chief Justice was informed that vessel was liable to forfeiture under the provisions of Section 4337 of the Revised Statutes and the letter was read by the Provost Marshal at the sale. A copy of the reply of the Chief Justice is sent with this despatch.

"The buyer was Mr. Allan H. Kelly, a well known and successful liquor dealer of Nassau, and the owner of other vessels engaged in liquor smuggling. The price paid was £ 425, say \$1,870. probably about one-fifth of the true value of the vessel.

"It is to be inferred that the vessel was bought in Gloucester for Mr. Kelly, and was sent to Nassau under the falsely declared ownership of an American citizen, and a clearance for a falsely stated domestic port.

"A copy of the crew list is inclosed, but the addresses of the respective members of it cannot be given. They are believed to reside in Gloucester, Massachusetts."

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The following is copied from a similar communication bearing date of November 16th, 1922, C.I.E.217:

"To Customs Officials:

Your attention is invited to the following information furnished this office by Wm.B.Harney, Customs Agent Acting in Charge at the Port of Boston:-

"The auxiliary schooner "Fannie Prescott" of Gloucester, Mass., was sold on Nov. 9th last, by the Gorton-Pew Company of Gloucester, to Joseph Sheehan, of St. John, N. B. This vessel cleared from Gloucester on the 11th instant for Kingston, Jamaica.

"From information in the possession of this office it is believed that this vessel is going to engage in rum smuggling from St. Pierre, Miquelon, to points along Massachusetts Bay. Joseph Sheehan, the purchaser of the "Fannie Prescott" was known to have been the representative in Boston for one Jean B. Legasse, of St. Pierre, Miquelon, a wholesale liquor dealer of that place. The description of the "Fannie Prescott" is as follows: Two masts; hull black; 124 tons gross; 74 tons net; length 101 feet; beam 24 feet; depth 11.4 feet; 75 horse power engine."

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While examining the records at the Gloucester Custom House I noted that the last record of transfer prior to that of the sale of the "MONARCH" was the following:

"Schooner 'CAVALIER' 96 tons net; sold by Gorton-Pew Vessels Company to George Haines, St. Petersburg, Fla., September 21, 1922."

and it would seem for reasons above quoted that the conditions surrounding this sale were identical to that of the "MONARCH."

All of the data contained in Circular Letters from the Customs Information Exchange, New York, was originally furnished by Louis A. Lothrop, American Consul, Nassau, Bahamas.

Under date of December 19th, 1921, a Bureau Telegram was received, of which the following is a copy:

"REFER REPORT SNOW TWELFTH. ILLEGAL SALE SCHOONER MONARCH. REVIEW MY LETTER SIXTH ON FIVE POINTS TO BE COVERED IN STATEMENT RUSSELL SMITH. STOP. ENDEAVOR ASCERTAIN WHETHER CHRISTIE IDENTICAL WITH KELLY. ALSO TRY PROCURE MORE ON POINTS INDICATED AS SMITHS STATEMENT NOT SUFFICIENTLY IN DETAIL. STOP. COVER IMMEDIATELY AND EXPEDITE REPORTS. STOP TWO."

Upon receipt of the above, I again proceeded to Gloucester, Mass., for purpose of making further investigations along lines suggested, and as a result of which an additional report was submitted under date of December 21st, 1922, advising in substance that at the time of making my previous investigation, every possible effort was made to secure a full statement from R. RUSSELL SMITH, in accordance with suggestions in Bureau Letter of December 6th, especially with reference to the five points "A - B - C - D - E" but he insisted upon dictating a statement in his own language, covered by the affidavit forwarded with my report of December 12th.

I interviewed Mr. Smith again, however, and made a further effort to secure an additional statement from him, but without success as he positively refused to make any further statement, advising that the one previously made was in his own language, and covered the situation, in his opinion, fully, further stating that he had no fear

whatever, of being implicated in any illegal act, as he negotiated the sale of this ship, as well as others, to American subjects, for legal purposes, as far as he knew, consequently did not feel that he should be further concerned, especially as the sales were made at satisfactory prices to the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company.

I took this occasion to question him relative to the sale of the "CAVALIER" and he finally consented to give me a written, sworn statement in his own language, which accompanied my report, and of which the following was a copy:

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"Capt. George Haines came on here late in August, and negotiated for the purchase of the Schooner CAVALIER. Haines claimed to have been an old time Gloucester Captain, now located at St. Petersburg, Fla.

"He claimed to have been engaged in the fishing party business at St. Petersburg, and was to use the Sch. "CAVALIER" in this sort of work at St. Petersburg.

"After buying the vessel he made extensive repairs, and installed a wireless telephone and radio apparatus.

"He sailed from here late in September. So far as I have knowledge, Capt. Haines was the sole owner of the Schooner when she left this port, and I have no reason to doubt but what he was going to use her in the business he claimed.

"I never heard tell of any Mr. Kelley in connection with the purchase of this boat or any other boat.

(Sd) R. R. Smith.

Sworn to before me this 20 day of Dec. 1922

(Sd) J. D. McLoud,  
Notary Public  
Comm. Exp. 5/2/1924."

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In the course of our conversation he admitted verbally that he had heard of both KELLY and CHRISTIE of the Bahamas, but understood they were competitors in the liquor business, and not connected in any way, although engaged along similar lines.

I called at the Customs House in Gloucester, and an examination of the records disclosed that the "CAVALIER" was owned solely by Captain George E. Haines, 1709 Third Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Florida, and he made oath to that effect on September 30th, 1922, at time of taking out a consolidated certificate of enrollment and license for coasting trade.

I examined the books at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company at Gloucester, which indicated that Captain Haines made payments for the Schooner "CAVALIER" as follows:

August 22, 1922	- - - -	Cash	- - - -	\$100.00
September 1, 1922	- - -	Cash	- - - -	900.00
September 16, 1922	- - -	Cash	- - - -	2000.00
September 20, 1922	- - -	Cash	- - - -	8000.00

TOTAL:        \$11000.00

On December 21st, 1922, an additional Bureau Telegram was received, of which the following is a copy:

"British auxiliary Schooner Monarch and Cavalier with Captains Olsen and Haines reported clearing Nassau for St. Pierre heavily laden liquor, evidently Christmas shipment destined United States stop These vessels former American owned and subject to forfeiture for violation law relative fraudulent stop. Coast Guard Customs and Prohibition officers notified stop. Use every possible in conjunction with other services to apprehend and wire. Stop two."

Upon receipt of the above I gave the matter prompt attention and among those conferred with were M. P. Mann, Deputy Surveyor of Customs, Captain Charles T. Tuckett, Boarding Division, W. B. Harney and Owen P. McKenna, Special Agents, Customs Department, as well as other officials at the Customs House, this city, and had assurances that the matter would receive careful attention at their hands, and had already been taken up with the Commander, Eastern Div., U. S. Coast Guard, which official sent out necessary orders to all points in New England, including radio instructions to several boats, instructing that the Schooners referred to be intercepted, if located outside of the three mile limit, with the understanding that this office would be immediately notified if they were apprehended. I also conferred with Mr. Elmer C. Potter, Federal Prohibition Director, this city, and submitted a report covering the above under date of December 23d, 1922.

Under date of December 22d, 1922, an additional Bureau Letter was received, initialed WWG:AS with enclosure No. 135870, including copies of papers received from the office of Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt, enclosing memorandum from Mr. Frank Buckley, as well as copy of the affidavit of Captain Donald McCuish to the U. S. Consul at Nassau under date of October 14th, 1922, also a crew list of the "MONARCH."

It was suggested in Mr. Buckley's memorandum that each member of the crew of the "MONARCH" be interrogated fully as to their knowledge of anything that occurred or was said before, during or after

the voyage of the "MONARCH" to Nassau; that the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company of Gloucester be further interviewed, as they seemingly had sold fishing schooners on a wholesale scale without troubling themselves over the circumstances surrounding the transactions involved. It was further suggested that it be determined, if possible, how many sales these people had made to foreigners; what brokers arranged same, and dates involved, and it was further suggested that the activities of the SMITH family in connection with these sales be further ascertained, if possible.

The sworn statement of Captain McCuish, which accompanied Mr. Buckley's memorandum, and had not previously come to hand, read as follows:

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I, Donald A. McCuish, American citizen, 5 Lookout Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts, do solemnly swear that in September last I was approached in Gloucester by Mr. Russell Smith of Gloucester and he brought me in touch with a man I now know is Mr. Christie of Nassau. Mr. Christie gave me \$13,500. or thereabouts to buy the aux. Schooner MONARCH and at his request I said I was registered as owner. I was to bring the vessel to Nassau. I knew no more than that a British subject had bought the vessel which could not be registered in his name, and I did not know that there was anything illegal about my taking the vessel like this and I did not know that any permission was needed from the Shipping Board to transfer a vessel from the American flag. On board the vessel with conversation with Mr. Doyle, one of the crew, speaking of transfer of American vessels to foreign flags, he says I think I have a book covering those laws of the Merchant Marine. He got this book issued in 1920. Its a book to make officers familiar along with American laws in the Merchant Marine. I seen into the book that you can't transfer American registered vessels to foreign flags without permission



from our government. I says to Mr. Doyle "I better go and see the American Consul." I didn't want to involve myself nor have anything to do with breaking the laws of our government. On arrival at Nassau I saw Mr. Christie and he supplied at my request supplies and bolts and paid boat hire and so on to the legitimate amount of about five hundred dollars. On the eleventh October, Captain Roberts, Port Officer came aboard and nailed a paper to the mast. I asked him what it was and he explained this was debts on the vessel for supplies. Mr. Christie come to me and says you will have to take an oath that those bills were owed by the vessel. I went to the office of a lawyer, Mr. Solomon, and found the bills right. I then went before the Chief Justice and swore the bills was right. I make this statement of my own will and I will not be implicated in anything illegal about the transfer of an American vessel.

(Sd) Donald A. McCuish.

Sworn to this 14th day of October, 1922.

BEFORE ME

(Signed) Lorin A. Lathrop

Consul of the United States of America at Nassau in the Bahama Islands."

The following were the names and addresses of the crew of the "MONARCH" on her trip from Gloucester to Nassau:

Donald A. McCuish	Master, U.S.A.	5 Lookout St., Gloucester.
Daniel Doyle	Mate, Canada	52 Prospect St., Gloucester.
Antone Marks	Cook, Port.	17 Sadler Street, Gloucester.
Abraham William	Engineer, N.S.	5 Washington St., Gloucester.

Dan McEchern	O. S., N.S.	1 Stacys B. Gloucester.
John McLangley	O. S., N.S.	10 Arthur St., Gloucester.
Charles McKay	O. S., N.S.	82 Pleasant St. Gloucester.

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I was unable to interview any of the above mentioned except CAPTAIN McCUIISH, as none of the others have returned to Gloucester since their departure for Nassau, and are not likely to in the near future as far as I can learn.

DANIEL DOYLE, Mate - Canadian - Naturalized:

I succeeded in locating the wife of this party who resides at 52 Prospect Street, Gloucester, who informed me that she had not heard from her husband for about six weeks, on which occasion the letter was postmarked at some point in Florida, which she could not recall and that he then advised he was employed in the Merchant Marine; would not be home before next Spring, and that his present point of destination was uncertain as he was likely to be transferred from one ship to another, consequently she did not know where to address him. Captain McCuish stated that he left him at Nassau, as he preferred to remain there, although money was offered him for his expenses home. He thinks that he may have been engaged on a "Rum Runner" as very high wages were offered any northern sailors who cared to thus engage, as they were much preferred to natives as the latter did not care to go north in the winter months. He was of the opinion that the wife had

not been informed relative to her husband's actual employment.

ANTONE MARKS, Cook - Portuguese - Not Naturalized:

Mrs. Marks, wife of this principal, was interviewed at her place of residence, 17 Sadler Street, Gloucester, Mass., who is a Portuguese and can talk practically no English, but through another party who lives in the same house, who acted as an interpreter, I was informed that her husband left home the latter part of September on a Gloucester Schooner and she later heard from him from the Bahamas, at which time he stated that he had secured employment as a Cook on one of the "Rum Runners" and not likely to return for some time as he was receiving good pay and fishing was very dull in Gloucester. She claimed that she cannot furnish the name of the schooner on which he was engaged.

ABRAHAM WILLIAM, Engineer - Nova Scotia - Probably not naturalized:

I endeavored to locate this principal at #5 Washington St., Gloucester, which was the address furnished, which I found to be a sailor's boarding house, but was unable to secure any information at that point as he had not been here or heard from for over three months, and no forwarding order was left at the postoffice for his mail. He is a citizen of Nova Scotia and is supposed to have a family there, but I could not learn at what place they resided. Captain McCuish stated that he left him at the Bahamas with the balance of the crew, he not caring to return to Gloucester although expxnese money was offered for that purpose.

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DAN McECHERN, Ordinary Seaman - Nova Scotia - Probably not naturalized:

I endeavored to locate this party at address given, and also at #60 Western Avenue, but no trace of him could be found, and no forwarding order had been left for his mail at the general post-office. He is unmarried.

JOHN McLANGLEY, Ordinary Seaman - Nova Scotia - Probably not natur'l'd:

I called at #10 Arthur Street, Gloucester, the address furnished, but the family residing there claimed never to have heard of this principal, and I made further inquiry from other persons residing in the neighborhood with like results. The postoffice officials were unable to furnish me with any information, claiming that he was unknown to them. Captain McCuish stated that he left him at Nassau with other members of the crew of the "MONARCH" and it is quite certain that he has not since returned to Gloucester.

CHARLES McKAY, Ordinary Seaman - Nova Scotia - Probably naturalized.

I called at #82 Pleasant Street, Gloucester, which was the address furnished, at which point I interviewed a neice of this principal who stated that his wife died a year or more ago, since which time he has made this his home, with her mother, when in Gloucester; that he was on a southern trip at a point unknown, had not been heard from for several months and it was not known when he would return. Captain McCuish informed me that the last time he saw this party was just prior to his return to Gloucester from the Bahamas, at which time he did not care to return to Gloucester as he secured employment there.

I interrogated Captain DONALD A. McCUIISH, at his home in Gloucester, under date of January 2d of the present year, at considerable length, and after having same typewritten, secured his signature to the original copy, which accompanies this report, reading as follows:

(Following Page)

Examination of Captain Donald A. McCuish,  
5 Lookout Street, Gloucester, Mass., January 2, 1923,  
by W. B. Snow, Special Agent, U. S. Department of Justice  
relative to Schooner "MONARCH".

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Q. What is your full name?

A. Donald A. McCuish.

Q. When and where were you born?

A. Newfoundland, December 1, 1873.

Q. Have you been naturalized?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been a citizen of the United States?

A. About twenty-two years.

Q. Where do you reside?

A. 5 Lookout Street, Gloucester, Mass.

Q. How long have you been a resident of Gloucester, Mass?

A. About thirty years.

Q. Are you married?

A. Yes.

Q. When were you married?

A. January, 1910.

Q. What does your family consist of?

A. A wife and three children.

Q. How long have you followed the sea?

A. Since early boyhood.

Q. How long have you been a Master Mariner?

A. About twenty-one years.

Q. Were you ever employed by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company of Gloucester?

A. Yes.

Q. During what period?

A. From about 1914 to 1921.

- Q. In what capacity?  
A. Doing shore duty and looking after its interests at Cape Breton, N. S. during the greater portion of the time.
- Q. How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company?  
A. Have known him intimately for more than twenty-five years.
- Q. How long have you known his son, R. Russell Smith?  
A. For fully fifteen years.
- Q. What was R. Russell Smith's connection with the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company?  
A. Purchasing Agent for some time prior to 1922.
- Q. Who first introduced you to the person who furnished money for purchasing the Schooner "MONARCH" at Gloucester, Mass., in September, 1924?  
A. R. Russell Smith.
- Q. Under what name was this party introduced by Smith?  
A. I cannot remember.
- Q. Was he introduced as Christie?  
A. No.
- Q. As McDonald?  
A. That may have been the name but I do not recall.
- Q. When and where were you introduced to him?  
A. About September 20th, 1924 on the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co. wharf in Gloucester, Mass.
- Q. What conversation took place between you and the party referred to at that time, and who was present?  
A. R. Russell Smith, the purchaser and myself were present, and the party to whom I was introduced stated that Mr. Smith had informed him that I was desirous of securing a vessel or schooner and he inquired if I would care for the position as Captain of the Schooner "MONARCH."
- Q. What reply did you make?  
A. I stated that I was desirous of securing a position at that time and made inquiry relative to what the Schooner was to be used for and he informed me that it was for coast trade.

Q. At that time did he inform you relative to his place of residence?

A. No.

Q. Did he speak good English?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he bear the appearance of being an American?

A. Yes.

Q. What was his general appearance?

A. Was about 35 years of age; had no beard; was about 170 pounds and was about five feet seven inches in height, as near as I can recall.

Q. Did you at that time have any doubts about him being a citizen of the United States.

A. No, not as far as his personal appearance went.

Q. In your opinion, did R. Russell Smith suspect that the purchaser was other than a citizen of the United States?

A. Yes, he knew that the purchaser was a British subject as he informed me so a few days later.

Q. What did he say to you at that time?

A. He stated that it would be necessary for the Schooner to be placed in my name as the purchaser was a British subject.

Q. Who was present when he so informed you?

A. Nobody but he and myself.

Q. Can you state exactly what he said to you along those lines?

A. As near as I can recall he said that the purchaser was a British subject and desired to use the Schooner in carrying freight between the American Gulf ports and the West Indies, therefore it was necessary for the schooner to be in the name of a citizen of the United States.

Q. Did you consent to this arrangement at once?

A. No, not until I had conferred with someone whom I believed was fully informed relative to matters of that character.

Q. With whom did you confer?

A. Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co.

Q. What did he advise you?

A. He stated that he saw no objection to such an arrangement.



Q. Did you then consent to the arrangement?

A. I did.

Q. Who furnished you with the money for purpose of purchasing the "MONARCH".

A. The person to whom I was introduced by R. Russell Smith, above referred to, whose name I do not recall.

Q. When and where was this purchase money paid over?

A. At the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co., Gloucester, Mass., and this was done a few days before sailing, which was on or about September 28th, 1922.

Q. How long was it in your possession before paid over?

A. Only for a few minutes in the office of the Gorton<sup>\*Pew</sup> Vessels Company.

Q. Who was it paid over to?

A. Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co.

Q. Did you count it?

A. No.

Q. Who was present when you paid it over?

A. Benjamin A. Smith, R. Russell Smith, the purchaser and myself.

Q. Was it in currency or checks?

A. Part checks and part currency.

Q. What was the purchase price?

A. I am not sure but understood that it was around \$13,000.

Q. Was it all paid over at one time?

A. As far as I know, as I only made one payment and that was on date I took out enrollment papers at the Custom House, declaring that I was sole owner, on or about September 27th or 28th, 1922.

Q. Who engaged the crew?

A. I did.

Q. Who were they?

A. Daniel Doyle, Mate, 52 Prospect Street; Antone Marks, Cook, 17 Sadler Street; Abraham William Engineer, 5 Washington Street; Dan McEchern, 1 Stacys B; John McLangley, 10 Arthur Street; and Charles McKay, 82 Pleasant Street, all of Gloucester, Mass.

- Q. What salaries were the crew to receive?  
 A. I was to receive \$150 per month; the mate, \$75.; Cook \$100; Engineer, \$175 and the balance of the crew, \$50 each per month.
- Q. Were you to receive anything extra for having the schooner placed in your name?  
 A. No.
- Q. What agreement, if any, did you make relative to returning the schooner to the person who paid for it?  
 A. No arrangement, whatever, as it stood unqualifiedly in my name as far as the records were concerned.
- Q. I think you formerly stated that at the time of your first conversation with the purchaser that he stated the schooner was to be used for coast trade and the carrying of freight between American Gulf ports and the West Indies.  
 A. Yes.
- Q. What was the next conversation you had with him relative to this matter?  
 A. He stated that it was his purpose for the Schooner to first proceed to Miami, Fla. He next advised that he thought it would be advisable to proceed to New York City, and a few hours before sailing he informed me that he had decided for the Schooner to proceed direct to Nassau, Bahamas, the objective point being Miami, Fla., but for me to stop en route for further instructions from the firm from whom I subsequently purchased supplies.
- Q. Was anything said relative to nature of business she was to be engaged in after reaching that point?  
 A. No.
- Q. Did the purchaser agree to meet you at that point?  
 A. No. But he gave me a letter addressed to someone in Nassau from whom merchandise was later purchased and subsequently
- Q. When did you arrive in Nassau?                      libeled the Schooner.  
 A. On October 7th.
- Q. Did you have any conversation with any member of your crew relative to ship going to a foreign port and being placed under the British flag without the foreign ownership being reported to the U. S. Shipping Board?  
 A. Yes, after my arrival at Nassau I had conversation with Mr. Doyle, the Mate, concerning the matter.

- Q. What was the nature of this conversation?
- A. Mr. Doyle, the mate, produced a book relative to the laws of the Merchant Marine, issued in 1920, which book stated that the transfer of American registered vessels to foreign flags could not be made without permission from our government, and upon receipt of this information I stated to Mr. Doyle, "I will call upon the American Consul at once as I don't want to involve myself into anything that would break the laws of our government." I then called upon the U. S. Consul and furnished an affidavit concerning the entire transaction, a copy of which you have shown me.
- Q. Did you meet the purchaser of the "MONARCH" soon after your arrival at Nassau.
- A. Yes.
- Q. What name did he then give you?
- A. The name of Christie.
- Q. What instructions did he give you?
- A. He instructed me to purchase merchandise and other supplies from a firm doing business at Nassau to the extent of approximately \$500. and I did so, the bill amounting to about \$480.
- Q. What was the name of this firm?
- A. I cannot remember but will show you a receipt from them for \$660. which was for money I returned to them subsequently furnished for purpose of paying the fares of the crew from the Bahamas back to Gloucester, Mass.
- (I have had a photostat copy made of the above mentioned receipt which accompanies this report, and as far as I can make the name out, it is H. J. Caliard, which may not be correct as the writing is somewhat indistinct.)
- Q. What subsequently happened?
- A. On October 11th, Captain Roberts, Port Officer, came aboard and nailed a paper to the mast, and I asked him what this was for and he explained that the Schooner was liable for supplies. Mr. Christie subsequently came to me and requested me to take an oath that this bill was owed by the vessel and I went to the office of a lawyer named Mr. Soloman and swore that the bill was correct. I then went before the Chief Justice and made a similar statement.

- Q. How long did you remain at Nassau?  
A. For about two weeks.
- Q. Did anyone pay you any money there, and if so, for what purpose?  
A. The parties who furnished the supplies, above mentioned, and libeled the vessel, furnished me with sufficient money to pay for the crew and their expenses from Nassau to Gloucester.
- Q. How much did they pay you in all?  
A. About \$1400 out of which sum \$660 was returned as above stated as the crew did not return to Gloucester.
- Q. Were you offered a position to remain, and if so, in what capacity and at what salary.  
A. I did not agree, or care to remain under the circumstances and preferred to return to Gloucester at once which I did.
- Q. Was anything paid you for your expenses to return to Gloucester?  
A. Yes, the salary agreed upon was paid me in full, and I was also reimbursed for my expenses from Nassau to my home in Gloucester.
- Q. Did the crew all remain at Nassau and have any since returned?  
A. None have returned to Gloucester and I do not know where one of them are at the present time.
- Q. Was anything paid you directly or indirectly in addition to your salary and expenses home?  
A. No.
- Q. Who comprised the firm of C. F. Christie & Company at Nassau and what business was it engaged in?  
A. To the best of my knowledge, the firm consisted of an elderly man named Christie and a person who I understand was his nephew, also named Christie, the latter being the person who furnished money for the purchase of the Schooner "Monarch" at Gloucester, Mass.
- Q. Did you observe anything relative to one A.H. Kelly, a liquor dealer at Nassau?  
A. I saw the sign over the door of a large liquor house bearing that name, but learned nothing in reference to him.

- Q. Was he and the Christie Company connected in any way?  
A. Not as far as I know, as they appeared to be rival business houses.
- Q. Did you learn anything relative to the Schooner "Cavalier" at Nassau, this schooner being one that was purchased from the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company about the time the "MONARCH" was sold.  
A. I saw the "CAVALIER" at anchor near Nassau but learned nothing further relative to her or her owners.
- Q. In your opinion, did Benjamin A. Smith have any knowledge relative to nature of business the "MONARCH" was to be engaged in at time of sale?  
A. I do not know.

I have examined the above and find it to be correct.

Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 5, 1923. (Signed) Ronald A. McGuirk  
By *Ronald A. McGuirk*

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It will be noted by referring to the above interrogatories that Captain McCuish stated he did not recall the name of the party whom R. RUSSELL SMITH introduced him to at Gloucester, Mass., who subsequently furnished money with which the "MONARCH" was purchased (this is the party whom SMITH stated in his affidavit was Mr. McDonald) but stated that he met this party after his arrival at Nassau at which point he gave the name of CHRISTIE, and was a member of the firm of C. E. CHRISTIE & CO., the senior member being his uncle, consequently I thought it might be well to check up the members of this CHRISTIE concern at Nassau through the United States Consul at that point.

I would also invite particular attention to Capt. McCuish's reference to the concern to whom a letter was addressed at Gloucester by the purchaser and forwarded by McCuish to Nassau, which concern furnished supplies and money, and subsequently libeled the "MONARCH" after her arrival at Nassau. This concern furnished Captain McCuish with money to pay the expenses for the crew's transportation back to Gloucester, but as they all refused to return on account of securing remunerative employment there, the money was returned, Capt. McCuish taking a receipt for \$660. at the time, a photostat copy of which receipt accompanies this report marked "Exhibit A" to which attention is invited, and another copy is also attached to report forwarded to Mr. Buckley. Photostat copies of this receipt were secured as the signature to same is indistinct, although it looks like "H. J. CLAIRD."

VESSELS DISPOSED OF BY THE GORTON-PEW VESSELS COMPANY:

As it was requested that all foreign sales of vessels by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company be ascertained, if possible, as well as dates and names of brokers, I secured a full list of such sales, both foreign and domestic, from 1917 to date, as indicated by the records at the Gloucester Customs House and office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, as well as the Robinson Export Company and D. W. Simpson, Ship Brokers, Boston, Mass., also dates and names of brokers, this being deemed advisable as at least two of the vessels disposed of, viz: the "MONARCH" and "CAVALIER" were sold for domestic use and subsequently went under the British flag without permission.

"TATLER" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company's records indicate that this Schooner was sold to Newfoundland Parties under date of Feb. 9th, 1917, through David W. Simpson, Ship Broker, Boston, Mass. The Customs House records indicate that no bill of sale was recorded at that point, but the vessel's document was surrendered at Boston, March 10, 1917, property, hail and trade changed. I conferred with Broker Simpson at his Boston office, who stated that acting as brokers, and through Fassier & Company, also brokers, this vessel was sold at the beginning of the year 1917, and that the transaction was finally closed late in February. He further stated that previous to this time there was no trouble in transferring vessels to foreign flags. The President issued a proclamation later, prohibiting transfers, but this ship was sold before this proclamation was issued.

"JUBILEE": The records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate that this sale was made under date of March 26th, 1917, thru broker D. W. Simpson, to Newfoundland parties. The records of the Gloucester Customs House do not disclose that any bill of sale had ever been recorded there, but that the vessel's document was surrendered at Boston, April 27th, 1917, property, hail and trade changed. Broker Simpson informed me that this vessel was sold to Charles S. Porter, New York City, which party later disposed of her to the Fur Trading Co. in Labrador, in which he was interested, at which time she was placed under the British flag, after securing permission to do so.

"SMUGGLER" The records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate that this schooner was disposed of under date of March 24th, 1919, to Robert F. Hollett, Burin, Newfoundland, through the Robinson Export Company of Boston, Mass. The records at the Gloucester Customs House indicate that she was sold to a British subject, but bill of sale is not recorded there. Inquiry made of the Robinson Export Co., this city, elicited the information that this schooner was sold to party mentioned for purpose of freighting cured fish across the Atlantic ocean, also that permit was secured from the Shipping Board at Washington, D. C., giving the privilege to make such a transfer.

"CORSAIR" The records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate that this schooner was disposed of under date of March 10, 1919 to Gabriel Hollett, Burin, Newfoundland, through the Robinson Export Company, while the Gloucester Customs House records indicate that a



bill of sale was not recorded, although it is shown that the vessel's document was surrendered at that point under date of October 28, 1920, and that it was disposed of to a British subject. I made further inquiry of the Robinson Export Company, the brokers, and was informed that this schooner was disposed of to party mentioned for coasting around the Newfoundland coast, although that permit was secured from the Shipping Board giving them privilege to make such transfer, also that both the "SMUGGLER" and "CORSAIR" were transferred to the British flag before leaving Boston.

"GRACE OTIS" Records at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate that this schooner was disposed of on July 20, 1919, to H. J. Azvedo, Cape Verde, and the records at the Gloucester Customs House indicate that it was disposed of to same party, and the sale properly recorded under date of August 8th, 1919.

"PATRIOT": The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company's records show that this vessel was disposed of under date of April 16, 1919 to W. S. Munroe, St. Johns, Newfoundland, direct, while the records at the Gloucester Customs House simply state that this schooner was sold to an alien (British) in May, 1919, bill of sale not recorded there.

"ELSIE" The records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate that this schooner was sold October 9th, 1919 to W. C. Smith & Co., Lunenburg, N. S., this sale being made direct. The records at the Gloucester Customs House fully confirm such sale.

"PAULINE" - "W. H. RYDER" and "R. RUSSELL": The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records indicate that these schooners were sold to

Jose Fernandez, Havana, Cuba, under date of October 15, 1919, through D. W. Simpson, broker, and an examination of the records at the office of Mr. Simpson indicate sale of Schooners mentioned at time and place given, also Mr. Simpson further advises that the American transfers of these vessels were not required for point mentioned. The records at the Gloucester Customs House do not indicate any bills of sale as having been recorded, but the records indicate that the ships' documents were surrendered under date of November 18th, 1919 and that they were sold alien (Cuban Flag).

"THALLA" The records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate that this schooner was sold October 23d, 1919 to B. Cabanillas Mayaguez, P. R., through D. W. Simpson, broker, and the records at the Gloucester Customs House fully confirm the above.

"SALADIN" The Gorton-Pew Company records show this schooner to have been sold October 7th, 1919 to W. J. Tuck, Fortune, Newfoundland, which record is fully confirmed at the Gloucester Customs House.

"LAVERNA" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records show that this schooner was sold January 18th, 1920 to J. Harris, Grand Bank, through Lovitt Hines, who is a ship broker at Yarmouth, N. S. The records at the Gloucester Customs House do not indicate that any bill of sale has ever been recorded at that point, although the ship's document was surrendered at Boston February 3, 1920, and she was sold to an alien under the British flag.

"ANNIE M. PARKER:" Records at the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company office indicate that this schooner was sold April 15, 1920 to

Gabriel Hollett, Burin, Newfoundland, and the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, Curling, Newfoundland. Records on file at the Gloucester Customs House show record of sale on date mentioned to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company.

"JAMES W. PARKER" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records indicate that this ship was sold April 21, 1920 to W. G. Kearley, Belleoram, Newfoundland, direct, and the records of the Gloucester Customs House fully confirm such sale.

"HELEN B. THOMAS" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records indicate sale of this schooner under date of March 10, 1920 to H. G. Fox, Bermuda, through D. W. Simpson, broker. The records at the Gloucester Customs House do not show that bill of sale has ever been recorded, although the ship's document was surrendered to American Consul at Hamilton, Bermuda, and that she was disposed of to aliens.

"PRINCE OLOF" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company's records show sale of this schooner under date of March 18, 1921 to Joseph Salters Sons, North Sydney, N. S., direct, which record is confirmed through the Gloucester Customs House.

"SQUANTO" Records at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate sale of this schooner under date of March 10, 1922 to William P. Rose, Belleoram, Newfoundland, direct, which record is fully confirmed at the Gloucester Customs House.

"WALDO L. STREAM" Records at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company show this schooner to have been sold on June 14, 1922 to R. Cramp, St. Johns, Newfoundland, direct, which record is fully

confirmed by the records at the Gloucester Customs House.

"FANNIE E. PRESCOTT": The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records indicate the sale of this Schooner to J. Sheehan, St. Johns, Newfoundland, direct, under date of November 9th, 1922, which record is fully confirmed at the Gloucester Customs House. It will be noted by referring to the quotations from data furnished through the New York Customs Information Exchange that this schooner subsequently engaged in the liquor traffic.

"RAMONA" Records at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate the sale of this schooner under date of January 12, 1917 to A. A. Corey, New Bedford, Mass., and the records at the Gloucester Customs House fully confirm such sale. In this connection I would call attention to my report of August 18th, 1922, under caption of "SCHOONER "RAMONA" - All. Vio. Sed. 9, Shipping Act. of Sept. 7, 1916 (as amended)" which is self-explanatory.

"PYTHIAN" Records at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate that this schooner was sold June 6th, 1917 to F. M. Monjo, New York City, direct. The records at the Gloucester Customs House fully confirm such sale.

"N. L. GORTON" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records show this schooner to have been sold on July 24, 1917 to New York & Gulf Corporation, New York City, direct. The Gloucester Customs House records do not show bill of sale recorded at that point, but indicate the vessel's document was surrendered at New York on August 8th, 1917, property, district and trade changed.

"ARETHUSA" Records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company show this schooner to have been sold August 9th, 1917 to the East Coast Fishing Company, Portland, Me., direct, while the Gloucester Customs house records indicate sale as of August 16th, 1917, recorded May 11, 1920.

"BOAT SCOUT" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records show this schooner to have been sold August 24th, 1918 to a Local Fisherman, direct, while the records at the Gloucester Customs House do not show record of sale, but indicate that the boat was rebuilt and remeasured under five (5) net tons.

"VOLANT" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records indicate that this vessel was sold February 26th, 1919 to A. J. DeLomba, Onset, Mass., through D. W. Simpson, broker. The records at the Gloucester Customs House fully confirm such a sale, which is given as of February 28th, 1919 and the address of purchaser, as Wareham, Mass., which town is adjacent to Onset.

"JAMES P. FOSTER" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records indicate sale of this schooner under date of October 23, 1919 to E. W. Lewis, Boothbay, Me., direct, which record is fully confirmed at the Gloucester Customs House.

"KINEO" Records at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co. show this schooner to have been sold September 4th, 1920 to Huttinger & Struller, New York City, through D. W. Simpson, broker, which record is fully confirmed at the Gloucester Customs House.

that point, although they show that the ship's document was surrendered at New Bedford, Mass., June 17th, 1921, property, hail and trade changed. Mr. Simpson informs me that this Schooner is now at the Cape Verde Islands, still under the American flag.

"MATTHEW GREER" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records show this schooner to have been sold April 5th, 1921 to J. J. Periero, New Bedford, Mass., through D. W. Simpson, broker. The records at the Gloucester Customs House state that 1/4 interest in this schooner was owned by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, although it was owned principally in Boston, at which point the records could probably be located. Broker Simpson informs me that this Schooner is now on passage to Cape Verde Islands and due back to New Bedford, also that she is owned by Americans.

"BOAT PROSIT" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company's records show this schooner to have been sold on May 3d, 1921 to H. L. Moreau, Florida, direct, while the records at the Gloucester Customs House fully confirm such sale.

"ELSIE" Records at the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company office indicate that 1/4 interest in this schooner was sold on October 5th, 1921 to W. J. Dean, Rockport, Mass., direct, which record is confirmed at the Gloucester Customs House.

"BOAT WILKIN II" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company's records show this schooner to have been sold under date of October 3d, 1921 to John Brooks, Gloucester, Mass., direct, which record is confirmed at the Gloucester Customs House.

"STR. ANTIETAM" Records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate the sale of this ship on January 3d, 1922 to the East Harbor Fertilizer Company, Provincetown, Mass., direct, which sale is fully confirmed through the records of the Gloucester Customs House, although the purchaser's name is there recorded as F. V. Williams of Springfield Mass., who is probably a member of the corporation.

"BOAT JEFFREY" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company's records show sale of this boat to have taken place under date of December 21st, 1921, to Clayton Hart, Gloucester, Mass., direct. The records at the Gloucester Customs House contain no record of sale, but a memorandum that this boat was rebuilt and remeasured under five (5) net tons.

"SCH. ETTA MILDRED" The records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate the sale of this Schooner under date of January 3d, 1922 to McKinney & F. Palmer, Gloucester, Mass., direct, while the records at the Gloucester Customs House indicate that no bill of sale is recorded at point mentioned.

"SENATOR" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records show this schooner to have been sold under date of January 3, 1922 to J. Jarvis Company, Boston, direct, while the records at the Gloucester Customs House indicate sale of this schooner to Caesar A. Pinto, et als, New Bedford, Mass., November 22d, 1920, and repurchased November 8th, 1921. No further record.

"MARSALA" The Gorton-Pew Vessels Company records show this schooner to have been sold February 24th, 1922 to Arch M. Eversole, Miami, Fla., direct. Records at the Gloucester Customs House fully

confirm this sale.

"CAVALIER" Records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company show this Schooner to have been sold under date of September 20, 1922 to George Haines, St. Petersburg, Fla., direct, and the records at the Gloucester Customs House confirm such. It will be noted that this schooner is one previously referred to in this report, now engaged as a "rum runner" at Nassau, Bahamas.

"MONARCH" Records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate this schooner to have been disposed of October 4th, 1922, to Donald McCuish, Gloucester, Mass., direct, which record is confirmed at Gloucester Customs House. It will be noted that this schooner is the one forming basis for the subject of this report.

"GOVERNOR FOSS" Records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company indicate that this schooner was sold under date of March 4th, 1922 to Captain Thomas Benham, Gloucester, Mass., direct, which sale is not recorded at the Gloucester Customs House, although its records show that this schooner was transferred to the Bay of Islands Fishing Co., Newfoundland, under date of October 14th, 1918, which company is a subsidiary of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, therefore the transaction shows on their books as a transfer only.

"GEORGIANNA" The records at the Gloucester Customs House indicate that this schooner was sold or transferred to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, Newfoundland, on or about December 13, 1918, which record is not recorded at the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company office, and I am informed that this vessel was not included in their records



of sales, as she was transferred to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, Newfoundland, a subsidiary of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, therefore the books of this company indicate transfer only.

"MABEL E. LEAVITT": Records of the Gloucester Customs House show sale of this schooner to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company under date of February 28th, 1919, which record is not on file at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, and I am informed that this vessel was not included in their records of sales as she was transferred to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, Newfoundland, a subsidiary of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, therefore the books of this company indicate transfer only.

"THOMAS S. GORTON" The records at the Gloucester Customs House indicate sale of this schooner under date of January 20th, 1919 to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, Newfoundland. Record of this sale is not on file at the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, as it is stated that she was transferred to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, a subsidiary of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, therefore the books of this company show transfer only.

"SCHR. WATER WITCH" Records at the Gloucester Customs House show sale of this schooner August 18th, 1917 to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, Newfoundland. There is no sales record of this vessel at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company as she was transferred to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, a subsidiary, consequently the books of the former mentioned corporation show transfer only.

"PHILOMENA": Records at the Customs House indicate that this schooner was disposed of in Newfoundland, but no bill of sale was recorded. The books of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company show transfer of this vessel to the Bay of Islands Fishing Company, a subsidiary, therefore the records of the Gorton-Pew Company show transfer only.

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As far as the records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company show, no commissions have ever been paid to R. RUSSELL SMITH for sales, and whatever compensations he may have received must have been from the purchasers of the various vessels which he assisted in disposing of.

THE GORTON\*PEW VESSELS COMPANY:

This corporation is a subsidiary of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, and all of its stock is owned by the latter, which concern is a Massachusetts Corporation with \$2,000,000 worth of preferred stock and \$3,000,000 in common stock outstanding. Up to the close of the Worlds War, this corporation did a very prosperous business, being one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country, doing a business aggregating \$3,000,000 per annum, but it is claimed that it was very badly hit at time Armistice was declared due to having on hand large quantities of goods which were to have been delivered under government contracts, but unsalable for other purposes.

On May 25th, 1922, Judge Anderson of the U. S. District

Court, this city, appointed Arthur J. Sentry of the law firm of Putnam, Bell, Dutch & Sentry, 60 State Street, Boston, and Henry J. Guild of Cambridge, Mass., Receivers for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, which included the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, since which time a number of vessels have been disposed of, and it is the purpose of the Receivers to liquidate as rapidly as possible.

I interviewed Mr. Sentry, who is a very reputable Attorney and visits Gloucester, Mass., several times each week, and he informed me that it had been his policy to dispose of vessels as rapidly as consistent, satisfactory prices being an important factor to consider; that when an offer was made for a schooner he was consulted by telephone or otherwise, and when the price was satisfactory he authorized the sales, claiming that as far as he had any knowledge no schooners have been improperly disposed of, although he did not feel that it was up to him to always ascertain what purpose the vessels might be used for, as long as they were legally transferred to American subjects or when permission was granted by the Shipping Board for sale to foreign subjects.

BENJAMIN A. SMITH, President, Gorton-Pew Vessels Company:

Mr. Sentry, as well as many other persons interviewed more or less confidentially informed me that Mr. Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, was a high grade gentleman who has generally been considered as the most prominent citizen of Gloucester, and known by perhaps more fishermen from Newfoundland to the

coast of Florida than any other person; while he has been considered very wealthy I am creditably informed that during the past few years he has lost quite heavily, although considered still in good circumstances financially. During the past six weeks he has been very critically ill with a heart trouble, and other complications, and for a time his death was looked for daily, consequently it was impossible for him to be interviewed until yesterday, on which occasion I had a very brief conference at his home in Gloucester, as he now sits up very little, although is still critically ill, and in my opinion is liable to pass away at almost any time.

My interview with him was very unsatisfactory for reasons above stated, but he informed me in substance that he recalled meeting one Mr. McDonald whom he supposed to be an American, who came to Gloucester in September, 1922, negotiating for purchase of the "MONARCH" and Captain, but claims that he could not recall very much conversation he had with him. He stated that Captain McCuish later purchased the schooner referred to, paying for same in several installments in cash, which were recorded in the books of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, and on several dates, while the sale was not fully consummated until final payment was made during the latter part of September. He claimed that he could not recall that Captain McCuish interviewed him for purpose of obtaining advice relative to the schooner being placed in his name by the party who furnished the money for purchasing same, on account of this person being a British subject, and he could not recall that McDonald was present at time of payments being made by McCuish.

He recalled the sale of the schooner "CAVALIER" to Captain Haines of Florida, stating that this party was at one time a Gloucester citizen, and that he did not know for what purpose the schooner was to be used at time of purchase, adding that he did not feel it was his duty to do this in connection with any sale as long as a satisfactory price was secured and the sale regular, further adding that in cases of sale to foreigners he had always required, before consumating such, the approval of the Shipping Board. Mr. Smith is greatly devoted to his son, R. RUSSELL SMITH, and in my opinion would resort to almost any extreme in protecting him, if necessary.

CAPTAIN DONALD A. McCUIISH:

It will be noted that at the time this party was interrogated by the writer he stated, among other things, that R. RUSSELL SMITH was the person who introduced him to the purchaser of the "MONARCH"; that he was also the one who later advised him that it would <sup>necessary</sup> be to have the schooner placed in his (McCuish's) name, owing to the fact that the purchaser was a British subject; that before consenting to this arrangement he conferred with Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company whom he had known for more than twenty-five years, which person advised him that he saw no objection to the arrangement; that the schooner was paid for as far as he was aware, on or about September 27, 1922, on which date he certified to ownership at the Gloucester Customs House; that these payments consisted of cash and checks furnished him by the purchaser, which remained in his hands for but a few minutes; was not

counted, and was paid over at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co., in the presence of both Smiths and the party who furnished the money, while the records of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company show prior payments of \$1000 on September 13th; \$3000 on September 21st; \$1000 on September 27th; \$6000 on September 28th, as well as \$1000 on October 4th, but do not state name of person by whom payments were actually made. I would also invite attention to the fact that in the affidavit of R. Russell Smith, he stated in part as follows:

"To the best of my knowledge and belief, when Captain McCuish paid for the vessel he became sole owner of her. At a subsequent time to the introduction of McCuish to McDonald, I saw McDonald in Gloucester, but at that time he did not tell me anything about being the owner of the vessel or furnishing the money for her purchase."

In reference to Captain McCuish, he is a typical New England fisherman, somewhat illiterate, jovial, big hearted and well regarded in general by the people of Gloucester who have known him for many years; his family consists of a wife and three boys, towards whom he appears to be greatly devoted; nobody seems to question his honesty, and I feel that if he has become involved improperly in connection with this transaction it was through no ulterior motives.

I would call attention to the following facts. According to his statements, he consulted Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company before consenting to have the vessel placed

in his name, in whose opinion he had reasons to place full credence; that after the vessel was placed in his name, and was full owner, as far as the records went, he took no advantage of such as he might have done under existing circumstances; that after his arrival at Nassau, and learning the exact situation, reported the facts in the form of an affidavit to the U. S. Consul, this being done after the Mate had called his attention to the law governing ships being placed under a British flag; that he did not then seek or accept employment by the liquor dealers of Nassau from whom he could doubtless have obtained a remunerative position similar to those obtained by the balance of his crew; that he immediately returned home, also that \$660 furnished him at Nassau for expenses of crew's passage home to Gloucester was returned to the parties who gave it to him, as indicated by the receipt in his possession which speaks well for his honesty, especially under the conditions surrounding the matter. He also claims that he received no compensation in connection with the entire transaction other than his salary and expenses, which statement I believed to be true.

R. RUSSELL SMITH:

I have but little confidence in R. Russell Smith, for, as stated previously, he was on one occasion involved in a smuggling case for which offence he entered a plea of nolo and paid a fine of \$250 in October, 1921, at Boston, Mass. He is no doubt in full sympathy with the liquor traffic as conducted at the present time, therefore is just such a person who would naturally be picked out as a "go between" in

consumating deals for purchase of vessels by various "rum runners" from the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, especially in view of the fact that his father is President of that corporation.

His manner at times of interviewing him has been such as to lead me to believe that he knows much more than he cares to tell relative to transfers and ownerships of the "MONARCH" and "CAVALIER", and probably other schooners, as his statements were vague and evasive, which he insisted upon making in his own language and did not "ring true."

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It appears to me that the persons materially involved in the sale of the "MONARCH" are R. RUSSELL SMITH, who acted as a "go between" MR. CHRISTIE, alias McDONALD, who came to Gloucester and furnished the money, and probably the firm at Nassau who seemed to finance the proposition at that end and subsequently libeled the schooner "MONARCH" whose name and address I am unable to furnish but is contained on the photostat copy of the \$660 receipt marked "Exhibit A" to which attention has previously been invited, the name of which concern can doubtless be obtained through the U. S. Consul at Nassau.

Of course, Captain McCuish is technically involved, and I am inclined to believe that Benjamin A. Smith knows more about the transaction than he cared to admit, but his physical condition was such that I did not deem it advisable or proper to interrogate him further.



WILLIAM B. SNOW FOR JANUARY 11th, 1923.

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As the investigation of this case has been necessarily somewhat fragmentary, I have endeavored to embody a resume of the entire situation in this report, including the salient points in my former communication, as well as additional data.

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Nassau N.P. Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1922

Rec'd from Capt Donald A. MacCuish  
Six hundred and sixty <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars  
monies received to pay crew passage  
home

J. O. Clain  
Capt Donald A. MacCuish

"Whit A"  
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"Monarch"  
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Casey

"Schwaben Monarch"

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Department of Justice

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

Boston, Mass., January 12, 1922.

Burns,

Washington.



Two stop Replying to your telegram Schooner Monarch. Agents now has completed investigation and dictated approximately fifty page report which will go forward tomorrow.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT.

(ATTENTION, MR. BUCKLEY)

Further with regard to the case of the illegal sale of the Schooner MONARCH, I am enclosing herewith copy of an additional report just received from our Boston office.

This case is being continued and you will be kept posted.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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SCHOONER "MONARCH" et al: - Alleged Illegal Sale Of:

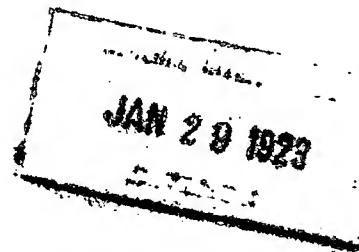
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Referring to my report of January 11th of the present year concerning above captioned matter, I hand you herewith additional data received under even date from the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, Gloucester, Mass., which is self-explanatory, in connection with which I would invite attention to my report above mentioned, Pages 30-42, and suggest that the same be forwarded to the Department for purpose of adding this to the other data in this case.

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**GORTON-PEW VESSELS COMPANY**

PRODUCERS OF

**FISH**

GLOUCESTER, MASS. January 20, 1923.

Mr. W. B. Snow,  
Special Agent,

U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
P. O. Box #3185

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

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In reply to your letter of January 6th, we have to advise you that we have never followed up the Bills of Sale, by which we have transferred vessels to purchasers. We have felt that on receipt of the price of the vessel our interest in the matter ceased and that the natural course of action by the purchaser, was to have the Bill of Sale recorded in order to protect his interest.

We can, however, give you further information in regard to some of the vessels mentioned by you.

✓ "NAT. L. GORTON"

The only information we have regarding this vessel is that she has recently been offered for sale at New York.

✓ "ARETHUSA"

This vessel was operated by the East Coast Fisheries Company as a fisherman and later sold by their Receivers for the benefit of the creditors.

✓ "TATTLER"

We have no knowledge of the purchaser's action regarding the Bill of Sale.

✓ "JUBILEE"

We have no knowledge of the purchaser's action regarding the Bill of Sale.

✓ "SCOUT"

This was an undocumented boat.

✓ "CORSAIR"

You may remember that on occasion of your last visit to our Office that I advised you that the Robinson Export Company handled all the details of this transfer, including the permit from the Shipping Board and War Trade Board and that the Custom House records were straightened out some considerable time later. This sale to Robinson Export Company was made on March 10, 1919. They transferred her to Hollett on April 15th, 1919. The enclosed correspondence should help you with the records.

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✓ "HARRY A. NICKERSON"

We repurchased this vessel at a mortgagee's sale in January, 1922

✓ "MATTHEW GREER"

We held only one-quarter interest in this vessel. The Commonwealth Fisheries Company of Boston, Managing owners, arranged this sale through Mr. Simpson.

"JEFFREY" ✓

An undocumented boat

"SENATOR"

The Custom House records of the sale to Ceaser A. Pinto, et al, on Nov. 22, 1920 and repurchase by us on Nov. 8th, 1921 are correct. We again sold the vessel on January 3rd, 1922 to G. Jaris Company as shown on our former list. Shortly afterwards the vessel was wrecked on the coast of New Brunswick.

"ELSIE" ✓

We know of no reason why Mr. Dean should not have recorded a Bill of Sale for one-quarter of this vessel. She is still engaged in fishing out of Gloucester.

"PAULINE"

"W. H. RIDER" ✓

"RALPH RUSSELL" ✓

We have no information as to what the purchaser did with Bills of Sale.

"LAVERNA" ✓

We held only one-quarter interest in this craft. The sale was handled entirely by Capt. Hines, who was the managing owner.

"HELEN B. THOMAS" ✓

As this vessel was to be transferred to British Registry as a Bermuda Pilot Boat, we cannot understand why the Bill of Sale did not pass through the Customs.

"SMUGGLER" ✓

Correspondence regarding "CORSAIR" also explains matters in regards to this vessel.

"ATHLETE" ✓

We have no positive record but we are under the impression that this vessel was registered at New Bedford.

GORTON-PEW VESSELS COMPANY

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GLOUCESTER, MASS.

January 20, 1923.

Mr. W. B. Snow

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"ANTIETAM"

F. A. Wells of Springfield is the proprietor of the East Harbor Fertilizer Company of Provincetown and Bill of Sale was made to him personally while our record of sales shows the Company's name.

Trusting this information will be of benefit to you, we are

Respectfully yours,



GORTON-PEW VESSELS COMPANY

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Oct. 15, 1920.

Robinson Export Co.,  
164 Milk St.,  
Boston, Mass.

Attention Mr. Burton.

Gentlemen:-

Will you please give us all the information you can regarding the forms of conveyance of the Schooners CORSAIR and SMUGGLER in March 1919. These vessels still appear on the books of the Department of Navigation as registered at Gloucester and the Local Custom House informs us that they still hold these vessels' papers. As in order to eliminate these vessels from our fleet they must have authentic evidence of the transfer, we would ask you to give us as accurate and detailed account as possible of the method of transfer.

Trusting your records will enable you to give us sufficient proof of the transaction, we are

Respectfully yours,

Gorton-Pew Vessels Co.

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ROBINSON EXPORT COMPANY

164 Milk Street

Boston, Mass

Oct. 19, 1920

Gorton Pew Vessels Co.,  
Gloucester, Mass.

Attention Mr. Hugh O'Brien.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of October 15th., the Schooner Smuggler was sold to Robert F. Hollett of Burin, Newfoundland, and transferred to British Registry on April 9, 1919.

The Schooner Corsair was sold to Gabriel Hollett of Burin, Newfoundland, and transferred to British Registry on April 15, 1919.

We have taken the matter up with the Marine Department at the Custom House here, who is going to write to your Local Custom House and have the papers properly adjusted.

Trusting the above information will enable you to straighten out the transaction, we are,

Yours very truly,

ROBINSON EXPORT CO.

Signed E. Burton.

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Oct. 29, 1920.

Robinson Export Co.,  
164 Mild Street.,  
Boston, Mass

Attention Mr. E. Burton.

Gentlemen:-

The local Custom House has just notified us that the Boston office has ordered the papers of the Schooners CORSAIR and SMUGGLER surrendered, these vessels having been transferred to British registry.

We thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter which has straightened out a complicated situation.

Respectfully yours,

Gorton-Pew Vessels Co.

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FACTS DEVELOPED: <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ATTENTION - MR. HOOVER - 2.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Balto. File #2406</u></p> <p><u>At Baltimore, Md.</u></p> <p>Telegram was received at this office stating that the above mentioned schooners, commanded by captains OLSON and HAINES had been reported cleared from Nassau for St. Pierre heavily laden with liquor. It was also stated that these vessels were formerly American owned and subject to forfeiture for violations of the law relative to fraudulent transfer of ownership or registry.</p> <p>In accordance with said Bureau telegram all steps were taken to detect the arrival at any point on the coast in this jurisdiction of the schooners in question. All of the Government services were communicated with including Customs, Prohibition, Immigration, etc., and all sources of information considered any way reliable connected with this office were requested to maintain a sharp lookout for any evidence that would enable this office to secure information leading to the location of said schooners. All sources of information have to date report that no trace has been found of these schooners on any waters within the jurisdiction of this</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><b>62-4138</b> <b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9-18-80 BY SP-5 [signature]</b></div>			
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office. It is believed therefore that they have landed at other ports or have transferred their cargoes to ships or vessels at points in the jurisdiction of other offices.

Should any future information be received bearing upon this matter the Bureau will be at once notified.

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January 27, 1923.

Mr. Lawrence Letherman,  
Box 3185,  
Boston, Mass.  
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt with especial regard to the illegal sale of the Schooner MONARCH.

I want you to give this case special attention and keep me regularly posted on developments, forwarding an extra copy of each report for transmission to the Assistant Attorney General. The last report from you indicates that excellent cases can be made and the Department is closely following developments.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR BURNS.

This is to thank you for the Boston Office report concerning the illegal sale of the Schooner MONARCH.

There are several additional details in connection with the above matter which I shall be pleased to have submitted to the Boston Office for investigation.

Harold Christie of Nassau, B.I., appears to have been one of the moving spirits in the plan which culminated in the transfer of the MONARCH to British registry. In order to implicate him however, his presence at Gloucester, Massachusetts, at the time when this sale was effected must be definitely established. The testimony of McCuish will show that he was at that place, but additional evidence should be obtained if possible for corroboration. McCuish would probably recall persons who saw Christie either in his, or in the Smiths' company or he might know of some member of the crew, or some native, who could also recollect the presence of Smith at Gloucester.

Some confusion seems to exist as to the number

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of payments McCuish made for the vessel. He claims to have paid the money in a lump sum in one payment. The books of the Gorton Pew Vessels Company indicate that McCuish made five payments on different dates. John D. McLoud or Mcleod, an employe of the above-named vessels company, has stated that to the best of his recollection McCuish made payments according to the books aforesaid. McLoud has been associated with the Gorton Pew Company for some time and should know definitely whether McCuish made one or several trips to the office to make payments. He should be pressed for a definite statement upon this point. This man Mcleod or McLoud is mentioned in connection with a similar case. I refer to that of the RAMONA, also investigated by Agent Snow. McLoud undoubtedly knows much concerning the business methods of the Smiths. Suggestion of a future indictment for complicity might inspire him to unburden himself of valuable information. It is suggested that Agent Snow be instructed also to question him regarding sale of the MONARCH, CAVALIER and RAMONA. These cases are all interwoven and should so far as possible be handled together.

The RAMONA matter was investigated on August 18, 1922 by Agent Snow. (Bu Inves File # 62-3261). The Smiths were also the central figures in this transaction. Captain Corey of New Bedford, appears from Snow's report,

to have been an unconscious tool of the Smiths. The following is noted especially from the Captains' statement to Snow:

"He (Corey) claims that he was not aware that it was necessary to report the sale of a schooner, of that character to foreign parties at that time, stating further that he was almost positive that some member of the Gorton-Pew Vessel Company, or their Attorney, advises that such action was unnecessary when a boat was of less than one hundred tons registration."

Snow should again confer with Captain Corey and procure a statement from him as to the identity of the member of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company who gave such advice. It will be recalled in this connection that Benjamin Smith gave like counsel to McCuish preliminary to the sale of the MONARCH. Captain Corey might know more than was divulged in the Snow interview and should be reexamined generally as to his knowledge of the Smiths, their methods of doing business, and any other information which might add strength to the government case. The Agent now has a general view of the entire matter and should direct his inquiry accordingly.

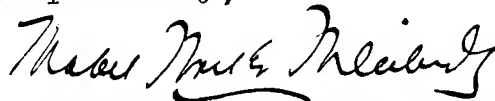
D. W. Simpson, Brokers of Boston, Massachusetts, seem to have been quite active in transactions with the Gorton-Pew Company. Inquiry should be made as to their reputation in shipping circles.

The Department has been in receipt of communications from the Departments of State, Treasury and Commerce,

and the Shipping Board inquiring as to what progress has been made in the prosecution of the parties involved in the case of the MONARCH. It is therefore requested that the Boston office be advised to speed up the investigation as much as possible without, of course, jeopardizing the success of same.

Permit me to thank you for the cooperation extended by your Bureau to date.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter M. McHenry".

Assistant Attorney General.

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FEB 26 1923 MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT  
(ATTENTION: MR. BUCKLEY)

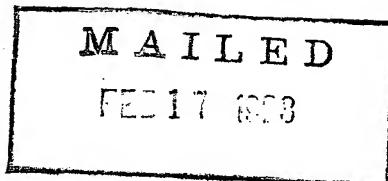
Further with regard to the  
Schooner "Monarch", I am attaching here-  
to a copy of a report just received  
from our Boston office, dated  
February 6th.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

SCHOONER "MONARCH" et als: - - - Alleged Illegal Sale Of:

FACTS DEVELOPED: at BOSTON, GLOUCESTER & NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

Referring to my report of January 11th of the present year, as well as several prior communications concerning above captioned matter, the following is respectfully submitted as the result of further investigation along lines suggested by Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt in a memorandum addressed to Director of Bureau, bearing date of January 26th, 1923.

I again visited Gloucester, Mass., on the 6th inst., and among other parties, interviewed, were several employees of the Gloucester Customs House, including Mr. A. H. McKenzie, Deputy Collector of Customs; Capt. D. A. McCuish; John D. McLoud and Hugh J. O'Brien, the two latter mentioned being employees of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company.

Captain McCuish stated that he could add practically nothing to what was embodied in his affidavit of October 14th, 1922, to the U. S. Consul at Nassau, Bahamas, and what he had stated to me at the time he was interrogated on January 2d, 1923, but reiterated that he was positive that he made but one payment for the Schooner "MONARCH", which payment was made personally to Benjamin

A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company on or about September 28th, 1922, in the private office of Mr. Smith at the Gorton-Pew Vessels

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Company's offices, on which occasion Benjamin A. Smith, R. Russell Smith and Mr. Christie, (alias McDonald) were present, again stating that he did not count the money on that occasion; that it remained in his possession but a few minutes, and also inviting my attention to the facts that he could not have made the first payment on September 13th and the last payment on October 4th, as shown by the books, for he was absent from Gloucester on a fishing trip on the first mentioned date, and en route to the Bahamas on October 4th, which seems to be conclusive evidence relative to those two particular payments, at least.

In my previous report I called attention to the fact that the "Records of Bills of Sales of Enrolled Vessels" at the Gloucester Customs House, Pages 72-4, disclosed sale of Schooner "MONARCH" by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company to Donald A. McCuish on September 27, 1922, the transfer being made through Benjamin A. Smith, President, and on the 6th inst. I followed this point still further, through inquiry at the Customs House, as to what became of the original bill of sale, and their records indicated that it was mailed on October 5th, 1922, to Benjamin A. Smith, c/o Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, Gloucester, Mass., which date, it will be noted, follows that of October 4th, on which date final payment for the Schooner "MONARCH" was made, and Captain McCuish states most emphatically that this bill of sale was never in his possession, which statement is undoubtedly true as indicated by the above mentioned record.

The Customs officials informed me that they were unable to state why the bill of sale was forwarded to Mr. Smith, but advised

that it was not an uncommon occurrence for a bill of sale to be sent to the party disposing of a vessel, if located in Gloucester, especially when the purchaser was a non-resident and requested this to be done.

Captain McCuish informed me that he only met Mr. Christie (alias McDonald) in Gloucester on three occasions, as far as he could recall, one being when he was engaged as Captain, at time of being introduced by R. Russell Smith; again when the money was passed over to him, and subsequently passed to Benjamin A. Smith in the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, and on another occasion just before sailing, at the time he was instructed to proceed to the Bahamas, also that nearly all of the details were arranged through R. Russell Smith along lines previously advised. He further stated that he knew of no one who saw Mr. Christie (alias McDonald) in Gloucester except the two Smiths and himself.

I interviewed John D. McLoud along lines suggested by the Honorable Assistant Attorney General, and he was very positive in his statements that all monies recorded on the books for payments on the Schooner "MONARCH" was turned over to the Company by Benjamin A. Smith personally, and credited on dates mentioned, which sumes he had understood were from Captain McCuish, but he had no personal knowledge of this as Mr. Smith practically always transacted business with his customers in his private office. He claimed to be unable to state whether or not he had ever seen CHRISTIE (alias McDonald) in Gloucester, as strangers and prospective buyers were constantly coming into the office, but was sure that he had never been introduced to him. I also inter-

viewed Hugh J. O'Brien, the bookkeeper, whose statements were similar to those of McLoud. It will be noted by referring to my previous report, that both of the Smiths admitted that McDONALD was in Gloucester at the time the "MONARCH" was sold.

Both McLoud and O'Brien recalled distinctly Captain George Haines who purchased the "CAVALIER", as he was in Gloucester some little time and is described as being a "very talkative individual." Both Smiths also acknowledged in their statements referred to in my previous report, that Captain Haines was the person who purchased this Schooner.

Regarding the sale of the "RAMONA" to Captain A. A. Corey of New Bedford, Mass. by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company on January 12, 1917, McLoud claimed to be unable to recall anything additional of importance to what he stated at the time of my investigation of August 18th, 1922, as this transfer was made more than six years since.

I was in New Bedford on the 31st ultimo, on which occasion I again interviewed Captain A. A. Corey at his home, #62 Forest Street, that city, who examined his records which disclosed that in December, 1916, he received a check for \$4500 from F. A. Benjamin, Barbados, B.W.I., in payment for contemplated purchase of the "RAMONA", and on several subsequent dates he received around \$3000 additional for purpose of making repairs on Schöener and purchasing a cargo, the major portion of this cargo being purchased of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company through R. Russell Smith.

It seems from Captain Corey's statement that he first learned that the "RAMONA" was for sale through a bulletin issued by


ship broker D. W. Simpson of Boston, which resulted in Captain Corey proceeding to Gloucester and purchasing the vessel, after carefully inspecting same, direct from the owners. Captain Corey stated that he was unable to recall anything of material importance in addition to what he previously stated relative to circumstances or conversation surrounding the purchase of the schooner, as about six years have elapsed, but did recall that he had but little conversation with Benjamin A. Smith or McCloud, as most of the details were arranged for through R. Russell Smith, from whom he purchased all supplies.

Concerning standing of D. W. Simpson, Ship Broker and Commission Merchant, #244 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, this party has been established here for more than forty years; is a ship broker, commission merchant, licensed insurance broker, licensed custom house broker, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, member of Boston Chamber of Commerce, Fruit and Produce Exchange, and owner and operator of the Boston & Gloucester Steamship Company. It is recalled that during the war period I conferred with this party relative to the costs and values of quite a number of large boats built in New England and taken over by the United States Government from New York parties, on which occasion I found him exceptionally well informed and secured information of value from him. He is undoubtedly one of the best posted men in New England, in his line, and I have no reasons to suspect that he conducts business other than along legitimate lines.

I have been much hampered in my investigation of this case due to the critical illness of Benjamin A. Smith, who is still confined

to his room, and the nature of his illness is such, as previously advised, that it is not considered safe or proper to interrogate him along the necessary lines to draw out the facts relative to his connection with sale of the Schooner "MONARCH". At the time of my previous interview with him, it was most unsatisfactory, for obvious reasons, on which occasion he was obliged to resort to taking a heart stimulant several times. He is perhaps the most prominent citizen of Gloucester and should his death happen to occur subsequent to an interview, much unfavorable comment might follow. While he is generally considered a successful, enterprising business man, I am led to believe, from information obtained through various sources, that he has not always been above resorting to somewhat sharp practises in his business dealings. Will endeavor to keep in touch with Mr. Smith's physical condition, and should any material improvement in his health be noted will try to arrange for a further interview.

Investigation to be CONTINUED if so desired.

  
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and interview Daniel A Doyle fifty two Prospect Street  
Gloucester all regarding Schooner Monarch case expedite  
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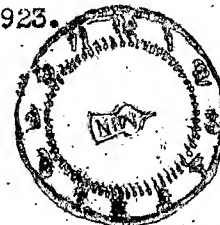
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Boston, Mass., March 7, 1923.



Burns,

Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

MAR 7 1923

Two stop replying to your telegram sixth re schooner  
was  
Monarch Agent Snow in Gloucester March second and expecting  
data from bank endeavor locate checks if such exist also  
waiting additional statement from Smith President Gorton  
Pew Vessel Company Doyle not at home and is not expected  
to return for indefinite period report will go forward  
earliest possible moment.

Snow,

Acting

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March 16, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT.

(ATTENTION: MR. BUCKLEY)

Further with regard to the  
case of the SCHOONER "MONARCH",  
I am enclosing herewith copy of  
a report just received from our Boston  
office, dated March 12th.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

SCHOONER "MONARCH" et al: Gloucester, Mass. \* \* \* Alleged Illegal Sale Of:

FACTS DEVELOPED: at GLOUCESTER and BOSTON, MASS.

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Referring to my reports of December 12, 1922, as well as January 11th and February 8th of the present year, the following is submitted, prompted by Bureau Telegram of February 26th of which the following is a copy:

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"Refer report Snow January eleventh page twenty-four question eight, endeavor run down checks, also continue attempt locate and interview Daniel A. Doyle, fifty-two Prospect Street, Gloucester. All regarding Schooner Monarch case. Expedite. Step. two.

Burns."

I again proceeded to Gloucester, Mass., on the 2d inst. for the purpose of giving this case further attention along lines mentioned in telegram above quoted, and called upon Miss Doyle, daughter of Daniel A. Doyle, 52 Prospect Street, Gloucester, under cover, and was advised that her father was employed by Messrs Crowell & Thurlow, 44 Whitehall Street, New York City, on some vessel owned or controlled by them; that the last time the family heard from him, several months since, he was at some port in Florida, but name of the vessel he was on was unknown to her, but if I conferred with the ship brokers above mentioned they would probably be able to locate him, further stating that he was frequently away from home for from

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one to two years at a time, and might not return for one year or more.

In view of the above, the Special Agent in Charge at New York City was written to with a request that he have an Agent call upon Messrs. Crowell & Thurlow under cover with a view of ascertaining, if possible, when and where Mr. Doyle could be conferred with, and under even date copy of a report has been received from the New York office (File 42772) advising in substance that inquiry was made at point above mentioned in an endeavor to ascertain the present whereabouts of Mr. Doyle and the probability of interviewing him, but that Mr. Seaman of said company stated that the company's main office was located at 131 State Street, Boston, Mass., where all personal records of vessels owned by the company were kept, and he suggested that either a personal interview or a letter addressed to Mr. Philip Smith of that office would be likely to be productive of the information desired.

Under even date I called at 131 State Street and conferred with Mr. Smith, as suggested, and learned that some time since, Mr. Doyle was employed by concern mentioned on the "PETER H. CROWELL" which was let off for repairs in Boston on July 30th, 1922, and did not again leave Boston until December 16th of the same year, and it could not be learned that he has been in their employ since the vessel was laid off for repairs, as their various payrolls do not disclose his name, consequently it seems impossible at this time to locate party mentioned through that source.

In reference to running down checks alleged to have been used in part payment for the Schooner "MONARCH" referred to in my re-

port of January 11th, Page 24, Question 8, I would invite particular attention in this connection to Page 6, Paragraph 2 of report mentioned, also Page 1, Paragraph 3, and Page 3, Paragraph 3 of report dated Feb. 8th, all of which indicate cash payments only.

The books of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company specifically state that all payments were made in cash on dates mentioned, and I questioned Mr. MacLoud along these lines minutely, on which occasions he has always stated that Mr. Benjamin A. Smith turned over actual cash to him on dates that the credit entries were made on the books, also that there were no checks at any time.

Captain McCuish stated, in answer to Question 8, referred to, that the payments he made, which remained in his hands but a few minutes and was not counted, consisted of part checks and part cash. I questioned him in reference to this on several occasions and he still adhered to his original statement that there were checks with the bills but of course there is a possibility he was mistaken, especially in view of the fact that he claimed that the payment remained in his hands but a few minutes before being turned over uncounted to Mr. Smith.

I finally learned that the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, as well as Benjamin A. Smith, carry their checking accounts with the Gloucester National Bank, therefore called upon that institution and requested that an abstract of the two accounts covering the period from September 10th to October 10th be furnished me confidentially, especially showing itemized deposits and disbursements of Benjamin A. Smith, and itemized deposits of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company during period

mentioned, as this appeared to be the only available source through which any checks could possibly be traced, which information was received by me under date of March 9th.

I again visited Gloucester on date of receipt of information above mentioned for purpose of checking up, if possible, through deposit slips, items of deposit of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, as account of Benjamin A. Smith, personally, did not disclose anything of interest, and as a result of my efforts the following information was elicited which is noted opposite the various items, all of which are self-explanatory:

ITEMIZED LIST OF DEPOSITS OF BENJAMIN A. SMITH  
FROM SEPT. 10, 1922 to OCT. 10, 1922.

Sept. 16.....	\$730.77
Oct. 6.....	50.00

ITEMIZED LIST OF CHECKS DRAWN BY BENJAMIN A. SMITH

Sept. 11.....\$ 30.88	Sept. 26.....\$35.20
12.....26.13	26.....50.00
13.....89.32	27.....3.75
16.....10.00	24.00
19.....200.00	10.00
22.....20.60	29....29.....50.00
100.00	30.....9.00
23.....12.80	Oct. 3.....10.00
6.10	4.....10.00
14.84	5.....66.25
25.....14.03	7.....60.00
	2.55
	60.00

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ITEMIZED LIST OF DEPOSITS OF THE GORTON-PEW VESSELS  
COMPANY - FROM SEPT. 10 to OCTOBER 10, 1922.

Sept. 12

\$1218.15 - Check drawn on Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.  
 452.68 - " " " Federal Trust Co., Boston, Mass.  
 99.69 - " " " " " " "

Sept. 14

\$2226.99 - Check drawn on Federal Trust Co., Boston, Mass.  
 529.45 - " " " " " " "  
 126.54 - " " " " " " "  
 3180.76 - " " " United States Trust Co., Portland, Me.  
 1000.00 - Cash.

Sept. 16

\$ 36.00 -  
 15.00 -  
 4516.32 - Check drawn on Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.  
 50.00 -  
 15.00 -  
 1897.03 - Check drawn on Federal Trust Company, Boston, Mass.  
 2866.46 - " " " Chemical National Bank, New York.  
 609.52 - " " " " " " "  
 2000.00 - " " " Fulton Trust Company, New York.

Sept. 19

\$ 200.00 - Check drawn on Gloucester National Bank, Gloucester.  
 35.00 -  
 12.25 -  
 1177.62 - Check Drawn on Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.  
 322.25 - " " " Federal Trust Company, Boston, Mass.  
 239.80 - " " " " " " "  
 3127.24 - " " " " " " "

Sept. 20

\$8000.00 - Foreign Check.

Sept. 21

\$ 645.92 - Check drawn on Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.  
 50.00 -  
 100.00 -  
 738.33 - Check drawn on Federal Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

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 \$2659.15 - Check drawn on Federal Trust Company, Boston.  
 5333.97 - " " " United States Trust Co., Portland.  
 100.00 - Cash.

Sept. 27

\$9889.65 - Check drawn on Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.  
 10.00 -  
 252.83 - Check drawn on Federal Trust Company, Boston.  
 400.00 - Cash  
 1000.00 - Western Union Telegraph Company.

Sept. 29

\$3430.69 - Check drawn on Fidelity Trust Co., Portland, Me.  
 193.30 - " " " Faneuil Hall Branch.  
 4923.68 - " " " Federal Trust Co., Boston, Mass.  
 5000.00 - " " " Merchants National Bank, Boston.  
 100.00 -  
 50.00 -  
 1200.00 - Cash.

Sept. 30

\$ 1.25 -  
 693.65 - Check drawn on Federal Trust Co., Boston, Mass.  
 4267.73 - " " " Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.  
 35.00 -  
 100.00 - Cash.

Oct. 5

\$ 30.00 -  
 80.00 -  
 438.75 - Check drawn on U. S. Trust Co., Portland, Maine.  
 3981.39 - " " " " " " " "  
 1100.00 - Cash.

Oct. 7

\$ 455.74 - Check drawn on Federal Trust Co., Boston, Mass.  
 3160.76 - " " " U. S. Trust Co., Portland, Maine.  
 3863.59 - " " " " " " " "

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The \$2000 item above referred to, deposited on September 16, and the \$8000 item of September 20th are apparently the ones received.

ed for the major portion of payments for the Schooner "CAVALIER", as the dates and amounts seem to agree. (See Page 13, report of January 11, 1923).

The \$1000 cash deposit of September 14th, 1922, seems to agree with the alleged first \$1000 payment for the Schooner "MONARCH", as the date and amount fully agree; cash payment of September 27, 1922, might be offset by the \$1000 deposit located on the deposit slip of that date as "Western Union Telegraph Company", and I will endeavor to ascertain by whom this \$1000 was sent, through the headquarters of the Western Union Telegraph Company, this city, and the cash deposit of \$1100 on October 5th might include the alleged \$1000 payment of October 4th, which was final payment for the Schooner, but the alleged \$3000 payment of September 21st and the \$6000 payment of September 28th do not seem to be clearly shown by the deposit slips, although heavy deposits were made on September 21st, 27th, 29th and 30th, in checks, as will be noted by referring to the above list of deposits.

I again endeavored to interview Captain D. A. McCuish at his home in Gloucester on the 2nd inst., but his wife advised that he was absent on a business trip in Halifax, N. S., and not likely to return for fully one month.

I again called upon the Gloucester Customs House officials for the purpose of ascertaining whether any additional schooners had been disposed of since my report of January 11th, and the records there disclosed that on November 16th, 1922, 3/8ths interest in the Auxiliary Schooner "ACUSHLER" was disposed of by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company,



to Carl Iver Carlson, a local fisherman, also that on February 5th, 1923, application was made by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company to the U. S. Shipping Board to sell Auxiliary Schooner "KILLARNEY" to Watson Wagner, Lunenburg, N. S.; inquiry was made by Clifford W. Smith, Secretary of the U. S. Shipping Board relative to the reliability of the sellers and purchaser, also as to whether the ship had been engaged in the liquor traffic, to which inquiry the Customs House officials advised that the owners were reputable, but nothing was known relative to the prospective purchaser. The application was refused and the Customs officials so notified, which apparently ended the matter.

At the time of my visit to Gloucester on the 2nd instant, I learned that Mr. Benjamin A. Smith had somewhat improved in health since my last visit, and on one or two occasions had been able to ride out in an automobile, consequently I called at his place of residence, at which point I was advised by his wife that he could no doubt be found at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, as he had just left in an automobile with intention to make a call at that office for the first time since his illness in October, 1922. I immediately proceeded to place mentioned, locating Mr. Smith there, whom I found to be slightly improved, although he is still very feeble. Under the circumstances, it was impossible for me to conduct a thorough examination, but I questioned him informally, covering matters of the salient points involved and he stated in substance as follows:

That McCuish paid him in full with cash for the "MONARCH"; that he knew no other person in connection with the transaction; that

McCuish paid him for the Schooner in his private office; that after considering the matter more fully since seeing me last, he had decided that but one payment was made; that neither McDonald nor any other person was present at the time he paid for the Schooner; that he saw McCuish with McDonald and other strangers in Gloucester about the time the Schooner was disposed of, but did not connect McDonald with the transaction; that McCuish did not advise him that the Schooner was paid for by a British subject, and asked his opinion relative to it being placed in his name.

After he had made the above mentioned statements, I called Mr. Smiths attention to the fact that the books of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company showed five (5) payments, and not one (1), the earliest being made on September 13th and the last on October 4th, the latter mentioned date being while Mr. McCuish was on his way to the Bahamas, which seemed to embarrass him very much, and he immediately called Mr. MacLoud from his business office into his private office and asked him what the books showed relative to payment, or payments for the Schooner "MONARCH", and the latter stated that he did not know, through personal knowledge, when any of the payments were made, but that he, Smith, turned over the money to the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company on the five dates mentioned. Mr. Smith then attempted to make the very unsatisfactory explanation that the money might have been all paid over on September 13th and that after having it in his safe he turned it over to the company in installments on the various dates mentioned, which explanation it appears to me was preposterous. At the conclusion

of our interview, Mr. Smith appeared to be in quite an exhausted condition, and promised to refresh his memory and write out a full statement concerning the transaction, which was to be forwarded to me on that or the following date, but as it did not come to hand I wrote him a communication, enclosing a list of interrogatories to be answered, under date of March 6th, which was returned to me on March 9th, of which the following is a copy:

QUERIES

- Q. What is your full name and address?  
A. Benjamin A. Smith, Gloucester, Mass.
- Q. Were you president of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co., in September and October, 1922?  
A. Yes.
- Q. When and where was the Schooner "Monarch" disposed of by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co.?  
A. September, 1922, at Gloucester, Mass.
- Q. To whom was it sold?  
A. Donald A. McCuish, Gloucester.
- Q. What sum was received in payment for same?  
A. \$12,000.
- Q. From whom was payment or payments received?  
A. Donald A. McCuish.
- Q. What was the date or dates of such payments and amounts?  
A. I have not the exact dates of payments. The books of Gorton-Pew Vessels Co. show approximately dates of payments to me, and by me to Company.
- Q. Were those payments made to you?  
A. Yes.
- Q. On what dates and what sums were turned over to the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co.?  
A. I have not any memorandum of the dates. The books of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Co. have the dates properly recorded.

- Q. Were payment or payments made in cash or by check?  
A. To the best of my recollection, all the payments were made in cash.
- Q. To whom was the bill of sale delivered?  
A. I, as President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, caused the bill of sale to be executed by the Company and delivered it to Capt. McCuish.
- Q. If delivered to you what disposition was made of same?  
A. See previous answer.
- Q. Did you consider that Capt. D. A. McCuish was the sole purchaser and owner?  
A. I did.
- Q. Was a party whom you knew as Mr. McDonald present when any payment or payments for the schooner were made?  
A. No.
- Q. When and where did you first meet this man whom you knew as McDonald?  
A. I met a man, who called himself McDonald, at Gloucester sometime early in August, 1922.
- Q. Did you have any conversation with him relative to Capt. McCuish? If so, what?  
A. I had no conversation relative to any payments for the Sch. Monarch.
- Q. Did you have any conversation with him relative to what business the schooner was to be engaged in or at what point she was to proceed from Gloucester? If so, what?  
A. I had no conversation with him in regard to the Schooner Monarch about anything whatever.
- Q. Did Capt. McCuish have any conversation with you relative to the schooner being paid for by British subject or subjects and being placed in his name as owner? If so, what was the conversation?  
A. No.

(Signed) Benj. A. Smith

I again interviewed Mr. Benjamin A. Smith at his residence in Gloucester, Mass., at the time of my last visit there on the 9th inst., and learned that the questions and answers above referred to

had been mailed to me on that date, but not received prior to leaving Boston. I found him to be in a rather feeble condition, as he had a relapse on date of my former visit and has not since been out, but attached no blame whatever to me, stating that he was not badly upset over the interview as I treated him in a gentlemanly manner.

He claimed that he is obliged to take twenty-five nitro-glycerine tablets during each twenty-four hours, which gives a general idea of his physical condition, and made no statement of importance in addition to what he had already made, but whenever questioned relative to disposition of the bill of sale of the Schooner "MONARCH" which the records at the Gloucester Customs House show was mailed to him, stated that he knew nothing about it as he passed it to Captain McCuish at the time the transfer was made, for purpose of making the proper record at the Gloucester Customs House, since which time he had never seen it nor had he any information relative to same, and if it was mailed to him by the Customs House officials he had never received it.

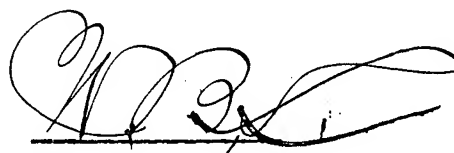
He seemed as uncertain as ever relative to actual dates of payments for the Schooner, stating that he was unable to furnish information as to how payments were made or on what dates, but that they were all in cash, received from Captain McCuish, but might not have been turned over to the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company on actual dates received, concluding his statement by informing me that he was not at the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company from October 10th until I met him there on March 2d.

Notwithstanding the present physical condition of Mr. Smith,

I cannot place very much credence in his statements, which have so materially varied, especially in reference to payments for the Schooner in question.

His condition in many respects is very pathetic, as he is getting along in years; his health is completely shattered; he claims to have recently lost about \$500,000 in connection with the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, which sum represents practically his life savings, and I doubt if he can be considered in a strictly normal condition, mentally, at all times.

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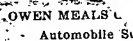
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PEOPLE OF VALDEZ, WE WENT OVER THE TOP.  
THE PEOPLE OF VALDEZ ASK LITTLE IN RETURN

It happened at the time of the Klondyke, Dawson and Yukon gold rush. Adam was one of the first party of white men to land on the beach of Valdez Bay and the only one of the party left. During the year 1898 can Andrew Jackson Meals, Nels Jepson, and over 3500 people landed at Valdez for the Yukon and the Interior of Alaska. They were searching for an All-American Route and from looking over maps and government charts and maps of the coast of Alaska they found that Valdez Bay was the Most Northernly Open-All-The-Year-Round Harbor on the Pacific coast, one hundred miles inland from the open ocean.



INFORMATION. Valdez is the only modern city in the state. The District Court, of the Territory, has its headquarters at the Alaska steamship wharves, one of the largest in Alaska and the only one with light and Valdez has all modern machinery for the Alaska coast.

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the headquarters of the United States  
aska, Third Judicial Division, and the  
Telegraph Service. Valdez has two  
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repairing all kinds of automobiles  
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by Valdez Igloo No. 7, Pioneers of Alaska. Valdez Igloo of Pioneers has membership of 250 members. To become a member of the order of it Pioneers the applicant must have arrived in Alaska before 1906.

Members of Valdez Igloo No. 7, Pioneers of Alaska, have been made honorary members of Valdez Igloo No. 1, Pioneers of Alaska, before 1906, made Valdez their home and headquarters for several years and spent much of their time and energy in making creeks, rivers, swamps, wind-falls and canyons passable for transportation from tide water at Valdez for four, or five, hundred miles into the interior of Alaska, creating what was formerly known as



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April 5, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT.  
ATTENTION: MR. BUCKLEY.

Further with regard to the  
SCHOONER "MONARCH", I am enclosing  
herewith carbon copy of a report  
received from our Boston office,  
dated March 15th. This is for  
your information.

Very truly yours,

*M. J. W.*  
Director.

Encl.

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SCHOONER "MONARCH" et al: - - - - Alleged Illegal  
Sale Of.

FACTS DEVELOPED: at GLOUCESTER and BOSTON, MASS.

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Again referring to above captioned matter, and inviting attention to my reports of December 12, 1922, January 11, February 8 and March 12th of the present year, the following additional information is submitted as the result of a personal investigation at Boston and Gloucester on the 14th instant:

Inviting particular attention to Paragraph 2, Page 7, of my last report, I have to further advise that interview was had with the local agent of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Gloucester, Mass., also the New England Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Ames, 175 Congress Street, Boston, with a view of tracing the name and address of the remitter of the \$1000 order for September 27th, 1922, and while I found both officials very willing to assist in any way, consistent, Mr. Ames felt that under present instructions of the managing officials of the company, he could not furnish the desired information except thru the regular channels of a court order to produce same, especially in view of the fact that the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company and Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company are their largest patrons at Gloucester, Mass. Consequently I will be pleased to act upon any further suggestions along those lines.

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sulted with the office of the U. S. Attorney, this city, in connection with this case, as the matter has been handled direct under suggestions of Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt through Director of Bureau.

I was advised on the 14th inst. that one ABBOTT S. COFFIN<sup>W</sup> of Gloucester, Mass., was about to bring suit against the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company for recovery of alleged commission due for services in connection with the sale of the "MONARCH", therefore immediately proceeded to Gloucester and succeeded in getting in touch with him, his statements being in substance as follows:

During the latter part of August, 1922, on a Saturday, date not recalled, a taxi driver of Gloucester who covers the trains at that place, named EDWARD PARKS, brought a man to him who gave the name of McDONALD, not giving his place of residence, who stated that he was desirous of purchasing a Schooner, also stating that PARKS had recommended him as a proper person, and he (COFFIN) immediately telephoned Benjamin A. Smith, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company at his summer home in Annisquam, which is a suburb of Gloucester, and made arrangements for McDONALD to interview him at that place; that McDONALD proceeded to Annisquam, and on the following day (Sunday) returned to Gloucester and looked over several vessels with him, at Smith's request at which time the "MONARCH" was away on a fishing trip and did not return for several weeks, but was the Schooner which seemed to meet the necessary requirements, it being thoroughly discussed at that time.

Mr. COFFIN did not see Mr. McDONALD again, but discussed the matter on several subsequent occasions with Mr. Smith, giving him

to understand that the sale of the "MONARCH" would doubtless be consummated and that COFFIN would receive his regular commission of 5% on the sale, but after the "MONARCH" had been sold, and cleared from Gloucester, Smith refused to pay COFFIN his commission, stating that the Schooner had been transferred to another party, not giving the name, and as he has constantly refused to settle, the claim has now been placed in the hands of a local attorney named William G. Clark, whom I was not able to interview at time of my visit, but he could probably not furnish any information of value other than that already supplied me by Mr. Coffin.

Mr. Coffin's description of McDONALD tallied minutely with that furnished by R. Russell Smith and Captain D. A. McCuish, referred to in one of my previous reports, consequently there appears to be another person who is able to identify McDONALD as having been in Gloucester in connection with this transaction.

I endeavored to locate taxi driver Parks, but was unable to do so as he is not now engaged in that line of work, but is still a resident of Gloucester and is there a portion of the time at least and can probably be located if necessary, although it is not probable that he would be able to identify McDONALD, although he might be, as it seems that COFFIN was in the habit of splitting his commission with him if he brought a customer whom business was transacted with, it being possible for him to render material assistance along those lines on account of driving a taxi cab from the trains and coming in contact with strangers.

WILLIAM B. SNOW for MARCH 15th, 1923.

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Have taken steps to cover mail addressed to Mrs. Daniel A. Doyle, 52 Prospect Street, Gloucester, with a view of locating her husband, if possible.

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April 7, 1923.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT  
Attention of Mr. Buckley

For your information, I  
enclose herewith one copy of  
report dated March 24th made  
by Special Agent Snow of our  
Boston office on the Schooner  
"Monarch" et al -- Alleged  
Illegal Sale of:

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Director.

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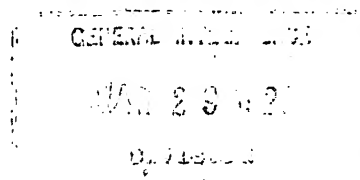
Inviting attention to my report of the 15th inst., Page 4, Paragraph 1, I have to advise that under date of March 23d, a letter was delivered to Mrs. Daniel A. Doyle, 52 Prospect Street, Gloucester, Mass., U. S. A., postmarked "Nassau, Bahamas, March 17, 1923", which communication was doubtless from her husband, Daniel A. Doyle.

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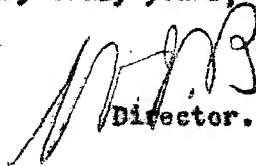
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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT  
Assistant Attorney General.

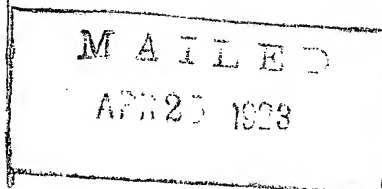
Attention Mr. Buckley

Further with regard to the  
alleged illegal sale of the Schooner  
"Monarch" I attach hereto copy of a  
report dated April 14th received from  
our Boston office.

Very truly yours,

  
Director.

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FACTS DEVELOPED: at GLOUCESTER, MASS.			
<p>Referring to my reports of December 12th, 1922, January 11th, February 6th and March 15th, 1923, especially paragraphs 2-3, Page 2, and 1, Page 3 of latter mentioned, I have to further advise that under even date I again visited Gloucester, Mass., and succeeded in getting in touch with Edward Parks, 9 Western Avenue, who informed me substantially as follows:</p> <p>During the latter part of August, 1922, as near as he can recall the date, on one Saturday, while employed as a taxi driver to and from the Boston &amp; Maine Railroad Station in Gloucester, he was approached by a man whom he had never seen before, which party gave his name as McDONALD, and stated he was desirous of purchasing a Schooner, but did not advise where he resided. Mr. Parks immediately drove him to the wharf of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, in Gloucester, and telephoned Mr. Abbott S. Coffin, which party immediately came to the wharf and met Mr. McDONALD, who was shown several Schooners by Mr. Coffin, which were lying there, belonging to the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company; he also called up Mr. Benjamin Smith at his summer home in Annisquam, making arrangements for Mr. McDonald to meet him there the following day, Sunday.</p> <p>Mr. Parks stated that he</p>			
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then took Mr. McDonald back to the Railroad Station and agreed to meet him there the following day on the arrival of a certain train, which arrangement was carried out, as he met him at the place and time agreed upon, drove him to Mr. Smith's summer home at Annisquam and after a conference returned to Gloucester, at which place he again left Mr. McDonald at the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company's wharf, where he met Mr. Coffin, and has not seen him since.

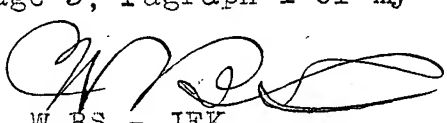
Mr. Parks stated that he had a verbal agreement with Mr. Coffin to turn over what business he could to him and was to receive a portion of the commissions in the event that Schooners or boats were purchased by prospective purchasers.

Mr. Parks' description of McDonald agreed with that furnished by the Smiths, Mr. Coffin and Captain McCuish.

I was unable to learn that any members of the crew of the "MONARCH" which proceeded to the Bahamas with Captain McCuish, had returned to <sup>Gloucester</sup> ~~Boston~~, and in this connection would invite attention to my report of March 24th relative to the present whereabouts of Daniel A. Doyle, mate of the "MONARCH".

I learned, while in Gloucester, that Captain McCuish had returned from his trip to Nova Scotia, which was referred to in my previous report, but was not in Gloucester at the time of my visit, as he was away on a fishing trip for a week, and I was also unable to interview Attorney William G. Clark, referred to on Page 3, Paragraph 1 of my report of March 15th.

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May 16, 1923.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT  
Assistant Attorney General

Attention Mr. Buckley.

Further with regard to the  
SCHOONER "MONARCH" -- Alleged Illegal  
Sale of: -- I attach hereto copy of a  
report dated May 9, 1923, received from  
our Boston office.

Very truly yours,

  
Director.

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<p style="text-align: center;">62-4138</p> <p>Referring to my last report of April 14th concerning above captioned matter, as well as a large number of prior communications, I have to further advise that under date of May 7th, Captain BENJAMIN A. SMITH, President of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, Gloucester, Mass., who had been prominently mentioned in connection with this investigation, deceased at his home in Gloucester, Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONTINUED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W BS-JEK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>9-18-80</u> BY <u>SP-5 RSH/mc</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">GENERAL INTELLIGENCE MAY 12 1923</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAY 29 1923</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td>FILE NO. <u>62-4138-32</u></td><td rowspan="3" style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">RECORDED</td></tr><tr><td>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</td></tr><tr><td>ROUTED TO: HOLLER</td></tr></table>				FILE NO. <u>62-4138-32</u>	RECORDED	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	ROUTED TO: HOLLER
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May 15, 1923.

Letherman,  
Winthrop Building,  
Boston, Mass.

Regarding Schooner Monarch case report just  
received Daniel Doyle, fifty-two Prospect Street, Gloucester  
is en route home. Endeavor to locate and cover him. Stop  
Two.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT  
Assistant Attorney General

Attention Mr. Buckley

Further with regard to the alleged  
illegal sale of the Schooner "Monarch",  
I attach hereto copy of a report dated  
May 19, 1923, received from our Boston  
office.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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SCHOONER "MONARCH" ET AL: Gloucester, Mass. - Alleged Illegal Sale Of:

FACTS DEVELOPED: at GLOUCESTER, MASS.

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Again referring to above captioned matter, and inviting attention to my report of May 9th, as well as several prior communications including those of January 11th, March 12th and 24th of the present year, the following is submitted as the result of a personal investigation prompted by Bureau Telegram received May 16th, reading as follows:

"Regarding Schooner "Monarch" case, report just received Daniel Doyle, fifty two Prospect Street, Gloucester, is enroute home. Stop. Endeavor to locate and cover him. Stop two.

Burns."

I visited Gloucester, Mass., on the morning of the 18th inst., and upon calling at 52 Prospect Street, under cover was advised by Miss DOYLE, daughter of DANIEL A. DOYLE, that her father was at home for a period of nearly two weeks, up to and including the 15th instant, but had now departed and his present whereabouts are unknown; however, he was to write her mother as soon as he secured employment for another sea voyage, which he expected to secure either in Boston or New York.

I have made arrangements with the Postmaster at Gloucester, to continue to have tracings made of all

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Mr. Wallace 5-25-23

mail addressed to either DANIEL A. DOYLE or his wife at 52 Prospect Street, and forward same to me promptly, as received, also to have letter carrier keep a sharp lookout and report at once if Mr. DOYLE returns to his home at any future time.

Special Agent Casey of this office, whose home is in Gloucester, will also have the Police Department keep a sharp lookout for Mr. DOYLE, and report his return promptly.

The last letter reported as emanating from DANIEL A. DOYLE, addressed to his family, was postmarked at Nassau, Bahamas, March 17th, 1923, which information was imparted in a report made by me under date of March 24th.

It is noted by the telegram above quoted, that instructions are given to locate and cover Mr. DOYLE, if possible and in view of the fact that according to prior understanding this party was to be interviewed, I would thank the Bureau for more specific instructions along those lines.

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Letherman  
Winthrop Building  
Boston, Mass.

Referring case Schooner Monarch understood Daniel Doyle  
has been at Gloucester, Boston and New York. Wire me explanation  
why he was not covered as he only remaining witness necessary to work  
upon stop This case must be followed to a close and closed promptly.  
stop Doyle should be located and every effort made procure statement.  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 26, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR BURNS

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It is requested that the Boston Office of the Bureau of Investigation be instructed to locate Daniel Doyle of # 52 Prospect Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts and procure a statement from him relative to his knowledge of transactions preliminary to the sale of the Schooner MONARCH.

The latest report from the Boston Office states that Doyle has been in Gloucester recently; that he spent two weeks at his home; and that he has departed for parts unknown to his family.

It is my desire that Doyle be interviewed as his knowledge of activities of those who engineered the fraudulent sale of the MONARCH may prove of value.

If, as the above mentioned report from Boston states Doyle has gone to either Boston or New York for the purpose of securing employment it might be advisable to have the offices in those cities endeavor to locate him through Shipping circles.

Noted Boston for  
explanation why he was  
not gotten before  
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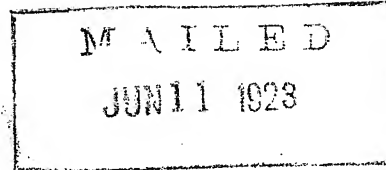
(ATTENTION: MR. BUCKLEY)

Further with regard to the  
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Illegal Sale, I am enclosing here-  
with copy of a report from our  
Boston Office, dated May 29th, 1923.  
This is for your information.

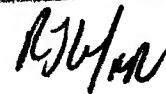
Very truly yours,

  
Director.

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SCHOONER "MONARCH" ET AL: Gloucester, Mass:			
FACTS DEVELOPED: <u>at BOSTON, MASS.</u>			62-4138

Again referring to matter above captioned, and inviting attention to my last report of May 19th, as well as those of May 9th, March 12th, 24th and January 11th of the present year, the following is submitted as the result of further attention, based upon Bureau Telegram of the 26th inst., reading as follows:

"Referring case Schooner Monarch, understood Daniel Doyle has been at Gloucester, Boston and New York. Wire me explanation why he was not cover, as he only remaining witness necessary to work upon. This case must be followed to a close and closed promptly. Doyle should be located and every effort made procure statement. Two. "

In reply to the above, a telegram was forwarded, dated May 28th, which is self-explanatory of which the following is a copy:

"Two stop. Replying to your telegram May twenty-sixth re Schooner Monarch, see report Agent Snow made May nineteenth. Continued efforts locate Daniel Doyle unsuccessful. Efforts every available source will be continued. Report follows."

My report of May 19th, referred to in above mentioned telegram, covered the situation quite fully in connection with the investigation of this case up to that date, and explained why DANIEL A. DOYLE was not interviewed during the short time he

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was at his home in Gloucester, which I trust, was entirely satisfactory and to which attention is again invited.

Since my last visit to Gloucester, all letter mail addressed to DANIEL A. DOYLE and his wife at #52 Prospect St., Gloucester, Mass. has been closely covered by officials of the Gloucester Post-Office, who were instructed to make tracings of addresses as well as post-marks on communications thus addressed, instructions also being given for the letter carrier covering the route embracing the residence of Mr. DOYLE to keep a sharp lookout for his return and make prompt report.

Special Agent Casey of this office, who was formerly City Marshal of Gloucester, has made arrangements with the Police Department to continue a very discreet investigation to locate Mr. DOYLE, if possible, in the event of his return, as well as to ascertain where he is at the present time.

I have arranged with Captain D. A. McCUISE of Gloucester to inform me at once of anything of interest he is able to ascertain, and have also conferred with Messrs. Thurlow & Crowell, ship-brokers of this city who formerly employed this principal prior to his trip from Gloucester to Nassau, Bahamas, and they are to notify me in the event that he applies for a position, but assured me that no such application has recently been made.

In view of the above I feel that the situation is being covered as closely as possible, and a further report will be submitted as soon as anything further of interest develops.

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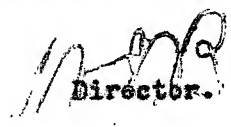
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MEMORANDUM FOR  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLEBRANDT

Further with regard to the  
Schooner "Monarch" I attach hereto  
copy of a telegram dated May 28th, 1923,  
received from our Boston office.

Very truly yours,

  
Director.

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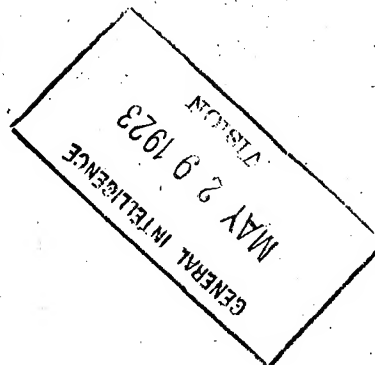
Two stop Replying to your telegram May twenty sixth re Schooner MONARCH see report Agent Snow made May nineteenth continued efforts locate DANIAL DOYLE unsuccessful efforts every available source will be continued report follows.

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June 15, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLEBRANDT

Attention Mr. Buckley

Further with regard to  
the alleged illegal sale of the  
Schooner "Menarch", I attach hereto  
copy of a report dated June 5th,  
from our Boston office.

Very truly yours,

  
Director.

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Instructions received from Special Agent in Charge German.

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REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: JUNE 5, 1923	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: JUNE 5, 1923.	REPORT MADE BY: WILLIAM E. SNOW:								
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: SCHOONER "MONARCH" ET AL - - Gloucester, Mass. - - Alleged Illegal Sale of.											
FACTS DEVELOPED: at BOSTON, MASS.											
<p style="text-align: center;">62-4138</p> <p>Referring to my report of the 29th ultimo concerning above captioned matter, as well as a large number of previous communications, I have to further advise that nothing of material importance has since developed in the way of locating DANIEL A. DOYLE, #52 Prospect Street, Gloucester, Mass.</p> <p>Under even date I am in receipt of a communication from the Postmaster at Gloucester, informing me that no letters have been recently received at address mentioned addressed to either Mr. DOYLE or his wife, except a few local letters containing bills, etc.</p> <p>I have heard nothing further from Captain D. A. McCuish in reference to the matter, and Special Agent Casey of this office, who resides in Gloucester, Mass., has learned nothing further from the Police Department of that city.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CONTINUED.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4-18-80 BY SP-5 [signature]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JUN 13 1923</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td>FILE NO. 62-4138-38</td><td>RECORDED JUN 11 1923</td></tr><tr><td>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JUN 6 1923 P.M.</td><td>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</td></tr><tr><td>ROUTED TO: HOOVER</td><td>FILE</td></tr></table> <p style="text-align: center;">W B S - J E K</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>REFERENCE: FILE 12234:</td><td>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: WASHINGTON 3: BOSTON 2: MR. FRANK BUCKLEY 1:</td></tr></table>				FILE NO. 62-4138-38	RECORDED JUN 11 1923	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JUN 6 1923 P.M.	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	ROUTED TO: HOOVER	FILE	REFERENCE: FILE 12234:	COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: WASHINGTON 3: BOSTON 2: MR. FRANK BUCKLEY 1:
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Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation.

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June 10, 1919.

Acting Chief Allen,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

IN RE JAMES V. MAGEE - MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP

Dear Sir:-

I have received yours of the 29th ult. relative to above subject.

I have had a careful investigation instituted in this matter and am sending you herewith enclosed reports of such investigation.

Do you desire that a copy of the reports in this matter be sent to Agent Blackman at Buffalo, N. Y., as is done in all other cases?

Very truly yours,

*Charles E. Brennan*

Chas. E. Brennan,  
Local Officer,  
13 Pine Street,  
Albany, N. Y.

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Instruct Agent Snow to confer with Mr Buckley Special

Assistant to Attorney General tomorrow morning ten oclock at  
office United States Attorney Boston connection Schooner Monarch  
case stop Arrange for copies of reports to be available to  
United States Attorney on Mr. Buckleys request stop two

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JUNE 20, 1923

REPORT MADE BY:

WILLIAM B. SNOW:

TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

SCHOOENER "MONARCH" ET AL: - Gloucester, Mass. -

Alleged  
Illegal  
Sale of

FACTS DEVELOPED:

at BOSTON, MASS.

62-4138

Again referring to above captioned matter, and inviting attention to my last report of May 29th, as well as many others of prior dates, the case was given further attention under even date, based upon Bureau Telegram reading as follows:

"Instruct Agent Snow to confer with Mister Buckley, Special Assistant to Attorney General, tomorrow morning ten o'clock at office United States Attorney, Boston, connection Schooner Monarch case. Stop. Arrange for copies of reports to be available to United States Attorney on Mister Buckley's request. Stop. Two."

I conferred with Special Assistant Attorney General Buckley, and Assistant U. S. Attorney Curtis, at the office of the U. S. Attorney, this city, along lines suggested, and also furnished the Assistant U. S. Attorney with copies of all my reports, at the request of Mr. Buckley.

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AUG - MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT  
Assistant Attorney General

Attention Mr. Buckley.

Further with regard to the case  
of the Schooner "Menarch" et al, I am  
attaching hereto copy of a report dated  
July 30, 1923, made by Agent Snow of our  
Boston office.

Very truly yours  
  
Director.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

SCHOONER "MONARCH" ET AL: Gloucester, Mass. : Alleged Illegal : Sale Of

FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Boston, Mass.

Referring to my report of May 28th of the present year as well as May 19th, May 9th, March 12th, March 24th, and Jan. 11th, I have to further advise that on July 27 a letter was delivered to Mrs. Daniel A. Doyle, #52 Prospect Street, Gloucester, Mass., postmarked Atlanta, Ga., July 24, 1923, Station B, which bore the business card of Hotel Winecoff, Atlanta, Ga., which letter it is believed was written by Daniel A. Doyle whom it is desired to interview in connection with the Schooner "Monarch" case.

I am forwarding a copy of this report to the Atlanta office and suggest that if anything can be learned relative to the whereabouts of Daniel A. Doyle or the probability of an interview with him at a future date that the Washington Office be notified in order that arrangements can be made for an interview along necessary lines, <sup>but</sup> or it seems probable to me that this party was in Atlanta on a trip from the Bahamas in the interests of his employers.

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Mr. Willebrandt  
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August 16, 1923.

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9-18-82 BY SP-5 NRB/ML

Mr. Lewis J. Bailey,  
P. O. Box 1058,  
Atlanta, Ga.

62-4138-42

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of the following memorandum  
from Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt:

"Daniel A. Doyle, a resident of Gloucester, Mass.,  
was formerly first mate of the Schooner "Monarch", an  
American vessel which was illegally transferred to British  
registry, and which transaction has been subject to Depart-  
ment investigation for the past nine months.

"Doyle can undoubtedly give information of great  
value to the investigation of the above matter. For reasons  
best known to himself, he has evaded Department Agents from  
time to time and is obviously unwilling to be interrogated.  
Such unwillingness may be prompted by fear of personal com-  
plicity, but it is my opinion that Doyle is receiving money  
from the principals for his silence.

"The Boston office reports the receipt of a letter  
from Mrs. Doyle, postmarked at Atlanta, Georgia, July 24, 1923,  
Station B, which bore the business card of Hotel Winecoff.  
It may be that Doyle has been at Savannah, Georgia, upon a  
business trip for his employers who are the Christies, promi-  
nent rum-runners from the Bahamas.

"It is request<sup>ed</sup> that both the Atlanta and Savannah  
offices be instructed to locate Doyle and keep him under  
surveillance pending the arrival of Department representatives."

Please give this matter immediate attention, exchanging  
reports with the Jacksonville office, and forwarding an extra copy  
of your reports for the attention of Mrs. Willebrandt.

MAILED

AUG 16 1923

Very truly yours,

Director.

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 16, 1923



MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR BURNS

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*Sumner A. Arthur*  
*WMB*  
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*due*  
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Respectfully,

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*James E. McGuire*  
Assistant Attorney General.

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*To Atlanta  
& Jacksonville  
8-16-23  
JMB*



JWB-EW  
62-4138

August 16, 1923.

Mr. H. P. Wright,  
P. O. Box 32,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Sir:

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Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt:

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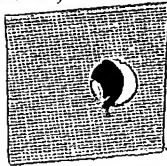
Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Director.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

P.O.Box 1058,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Aug. 18, 1923.

LJB:D

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
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Dear Sir:- ATTENTION MR. HOOVER - 2

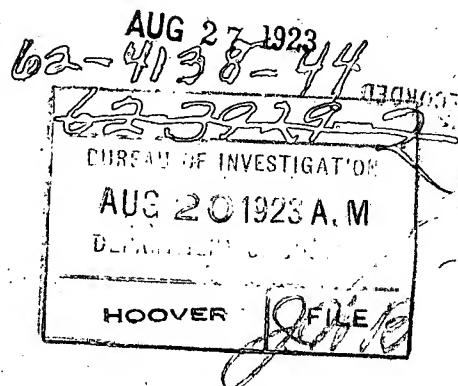
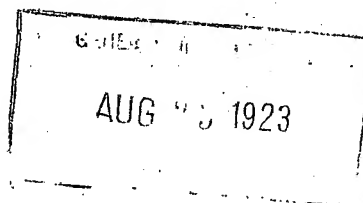
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, JWB:EW, concerning Daniel A. Doyle, formerly First Mate of the Schooner Monarch. This matter will be given prompt attention, and you will be advised immediately if Doyle is located in this District.

Very respectfully,

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*Lewis J. Baley*

Lewis J. Baley,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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September 1, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT

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Further with regard to the illegal  
registration of the Schooner "Monarch",  
enclosed hereto copy of a report dated  
made by Special Agent  
Saville office,  
E, alias R. H.  
Atlanta, Ga.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Jacksonville Fla</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8/25/1923</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/23-24/1923</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>John Bonyne</b>
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## TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

**DANIEL A. DOYLE alias R. M. DILLION**  
Savannah, Ga., and Atlanta, Ga.

**Illegal Registration of**  
**Schooner "MONARCH".**

## FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Savannah, Georgia:

Immediately upon receipt of instructions from Special Agent in Charge WRIGHT, the Agent made a confidential investigation along the waterfront and among shipping men etc., with a view of locating the above man. Agent learned that subject had been in Savannah and that he is a liquor runner. However he does not appear to be in close touch with the regular liquor runners in Savannah, due to the fact perhaps that he does not come here regularly.

At the Custom House, Agent conferred with Deputy Collector HODNETT who stated that about September 20, 1922, DOYLE was in Savannah but that he was under an assumed name (using the name of R. M. DILLION) and that subject left his ship the minute he arrived; that it is not the custom for a Master to leave his ship immediately upon his arrival at a port and for that reason his visit to Savannah must have been irregular. After looking over correspondence of the Collector of Customs at Savannah, Deputy Collector HODNETT located the following letter he had written on the arrival of the "MONARCH" upon arrival of this vessel, May 1st, 1923:

"Reference is made to letter dated Sept. 30, 1922 from HERMAN NORMEL, Surveyor, Port of Boston, Mass., to L. W. BEAN, Special Agent in Charge,

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Mr. Wallerhand

DANIEL A. DOYLE alias R. M. DILLION

ILLEGAL REGISTRATION OF  
SCHOONER "MONARCH".

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Port of Boston, Mass, copies of which were circulated by the C.I.E., Sept. 22, 1922. This vessel arrived at Savannah May 1, 1923 and was boarded by Dr. Thomas Barton Brown, Surgeon in Charge, Quarantine Station at 7:15 PM. The Doctor held the vessel for fumigation and communicated with me. As there were no Customs employees not engaged in important work, I applied at the office of the Chief, General Prohibition Agents and stated that while the Doctor now reported the vessel empty, it might be possible to develop sufficient evidence to warrant prosecution. Agent BRICKER was detailed to accompany me for this purpose. Accompanied by J. H. SCOTT, Immigration Inspector, Mr. BRICKER, Mr. DeLOACH, Prohibition Agent, E. C. DANIELS, Harbor Master, and myself went to Quarantine Station and boarded the vessel. It was not possible to develop evidence to warrant prosecution. The crew consisted of R. M. DILLION, Master, JOHN A. RYAN, Purser, E. O. HUME, Chief Engineer, THOMAS MURPHY, 3d Asst. Engineer, E. A. KELLY, Cook, WILLIAM ESO, ALFRED JOHNSON, E. JONES, Firemen, RICHARD H. THOMAS, GEORGE HARRIS, WALTER HANNA, and THOMAS HAREWOCK, Seamen. The entire crew was signed on by the American Consul at Nassau, Bahamas on the 28th.

Provisional Register #2, Nassau, Bahamas, April 10, 1923, shows that J. A. RYAN, 827 E. Ninth Street, N.Y., is the owner, having bought the vessel at admiralty sale. MR. RYAN, it will be noticed, appears on the articles as Purser.

Certificate of Inspection on board which expires Sept. 27, 1923, requires one licensed Master, 1 licensed Chief Mate, 1 licensed 3d Mate, 3 Able Seamen and 1 Seaman, 1 licensed Chief Engineer, 1 licensed Asst. Engineer, 3 Oilers and 3 Firemen.

It will be noted that this vessel is undermanned and as only the Master and Chief Engineer are licensed men, it is also under-officered and in violation of Section 4463 R.S.

Official number and new tonnage were not marked on the main beam as required at 4177 R.S. and 4153 R.S. I am unable to determine however whether official number has ever been awarded this vessel as the register fails to show same.

Respectfully,  
RICHARD T. HODNOTT  
Deputy Coll. & Ins."

Through a confidential source, Agent learned the following description of DOYLE: Age 38; weight 170; dark brown hair; sallow complexion; 5 ft 7½ in; walks quickly; appears to be nervous.

Agent received letter from Special Agent in Charge WRIGHT to give this matter special attention and wire immediately if this man is located.  
INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.

Atlanta File 19908

ATLANTA R. HOOVER - 2.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Boston, Mass.

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REPORT MADE AT: Atlanta, Ga.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-27-23	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-27-23	REPORT MADE BY: R. W. Tinsley
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: SCHOONER "MONARCH" ET AL: GLOUCESTER, MASS:			Alleged Illegal Sale of

## FACTS DEVELOPED:

At Atlanta, Ga.

It is noted from the Director's letter under date of the 16th inst., and also from report made by Agent William B. Snow, Boston, Mass., under date of July 30, 1923, that one DANIEL A. DOYLE, Gloucester, Mass., was formerly first mate of the Schooner "MONARCH", an American vessel illegally transferred to the British registry and that it was desired to locate DOYLE in order that a representative of the Department might interview him. It appears that DOYLE'S wife received a letter postmarked at Atlanta, Georgia, July 24, 1923, Station "B", which bore the business card of the Hotel Winecoff, Atlanta, Ga.

In this connection reference is also had to report made by Agent John Bonyne, Jacksonville, Fla., under date of the 25th inst., entitled "DANIEL A. DOYLE alias R.M. DILLION, Illegal Registration of the Schooner "Monarch".

An interview with the forwarding clerk at the local Post Office established the fact that

DOYLE had left no forwarding order either in that name or the name of R.M. DILLION. Agent was also advised that no forwarding orders are

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mrs. William B. Snow

handled at Station "B" and that the bulk of outgoing mail from the Atlanta Post Office passes through Station "B" and is postmarked "Station B".

An examination of the records at the Hotel Winecoff from May 1st, 1923 to the present date failed to show any record of either DANIEL A. DOYLE or R. M. DILLION. An interview was also had with the clerk at the Hotel Winecoff who stated that he found no forwarding order for either DOYLE or DILLION.

File CLOSED at this office unless further instructions are received.



WM. J. BURNS  
DIRECTOR



JEH/LMR

# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

October 31, 1923.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BURNS.

Mr. Buckley of Mrs. Willebrandt's office this morning advised that Harold F. Christie, who has been the subject of an investigation by the Bureau, was secretly indicted in Boston three weeks ago under Section 37 of the Criminal Code and it was now desired that he be located.

Mr. Buckley stated that he had information to the effect that Frank E. Smith and George C. Nicholson, who could be reached through the office of the Corporation Counsel in New York, knew of Christie's whereabouts. He also stated that Christie's mother, Mrs. H. Christie, was living at Miami and that the immigration authorities at Miami had some information concerning Christie.

Mr. Buckley requested that immediate communication be had with our New York and Miami offices in order to locate Christie and if he could be located to place him under surveillance and to then communicate at once with Mr. Lawrence Curtis, 2nd, Assistant United States Attorney at Boston, and also with this Bureau. NOV 6 - 1923

Respectfully,

*E. A.*

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*Write Brown and  
/d man to get any  
every thing possible  
10/10*

*Noted  
[signature]*

*Attended to 10/20*

*[signature]  
10/10*



Russell Smith of Gloucester  
Christie could be reached  
thru this man.

OFFICE OF  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
Edw. J. Brennan

TELEPHONE, BARCLAY 8160  
POST OFFICE BOX 241  
CITY HALL STATION

## Department of Justice

### Bureau of Investigation

15 PARK ROW, 14TH FLOOR

NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 31st, 1923.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

In re: HAROLD H. CHRISTIE  
Viol. Sec. 37 USCC. N.Y.  
File #43315

Attention #2

Dear Sir:

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DATE 9-18-80 BY SP-5 PSH/ur

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of even date on the above subject, in which you suggest that Mr. Frank E. Smith and Mr. George C. Nickolson, who may be reached through Corporation Counsel's office of this city, have knowledge of CHRISTIE. I might say that Mr. George P. Nicholson (who is no doubt the party referred to in your telegram under different spelling) is the Corporation Counsel of greater New York, and Mr. Frank E. Smith is an Assistant Corporation Counsel working under Mr. Nicholson. Both are consequently prominent public officials.

Preliminary arrangements instituted today make it probable that either or both of said officials may be seen and interviewed tomorrow. Despite the prominence however of the gentlemen in question I would appreciate it if with your knowledge of the needs of the particular investigation, and which naturally are not fully set out in your telegram, you would tell me whether it would be safe to approach said officials openly in an endeavor to locate Harold H. Christie, or whether a suitable pretext should be used in interviewing them. I will, therefore, appreciate your telephone call or wire in the morning with necessary instructions for the assistance of the Agent to whom the investigation has been assigned.

Awaiting your advice, I am,

NOV 8 - 1923

Truly yours,

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NOV 13 1923

EXD'D:AH

EDWARD J. BRENNAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

With reference to my tele dated Oct. 30  
Harold Christie is being b in N. Y. C.  
under an assumed name. suggest questioning  
Armoury Trading Company 24 Stone St. N. Y. C.  
I have promised Armoury Trading Co. agent they  
will not be implicated in it.

Phoned from Vallance.

Mr. Buckley  
N. 1938

W. M. L. BURNS  
DIRECTOR



JEH/LMR

# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

November 2, 1923.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES.

In answer to the attached communication from Mr. Brennan concerning Harold H. Christie, telephonic communication was had with Mr. Brennan at New York yesterday, November 1st, instructing him to interview Mr. Smith and Mr. Nicholson under suitable pretext.

At the suggestion of Mr. Buckley, in Mrs. Wilbrandt's Division, Mr. Brennan was instructed to have an Agent communicate by telephone with either of these gentlemen and state that he was Mr. Russell Smith of Gloucester and that he had been informed that he could locate Christie through either of these gentlemen.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover.

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*R. T. H.*

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Brennan,

Park Row Building,

New York, N.Y.

Relative Harold F. Christie, am informed that subject is  
believed to be in New York under assumed name. Suggest  
questioning Armoury Trading Company, twenty-four Stone  
Street, New York City. Armoury Trading Company agent has  
been assured that they will not be implicated in it. Two.

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Howe,  
Clayton Building,  
Miami, Fla.

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Harold F. Christie has been secretly indicted at Boston under Section  
thirty-seven Criminal Code. Am advised that his mother, Mrs. H.  
Christie is in Miami and that the immigration authorities at Miami have  
information concerning Christie's whereabouts. Endeavor to obtain in-  
formation and if possible locate Christie placing him under surveillance  
and advising Bureau at once. Two.

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Harold F. Christie has been secretly indicted at Boston under Section thirty-seven Criminal Code. Am informed that Frank E. Smith and George C. Nicholson who can be reached through the office of Corporation Counsel New York City have knowledge of Christie's whereabouts. Christie is believed to be in New York. Make every effort locate him and place him under surveillance. If located you should immediately communicate with Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence Curtis, Second, Boston, Massachusetts, relative to having warrant forwarded. Also advise Bureau by wire. Two.

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November 12, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUCKLEY.

I am attaching hereto a copy  
of the report of Special Agent Browne of  
our New York office for November 5th con-  
cerning Harold E. Christie, a subject in  
whom you are interested.

Very truly yours,

*M. J. B.*  
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Instructions of Special Agent in Charge, Edw. J. Brennan.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK, N.Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>11-5-23.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11-5-23</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>WILLIAM BROWNE.</b>
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>IN RE: HAROLD E. CHRISTIE: Alleged Vio. Sec. 37, U.S.C.C.</b>			
FACTS DEVELOPED: <b>AT NEW YORK, N.Y.:</b> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9-18-80 BY SP-5 RSM/415</b></div> <p>Reference is made to Bureau Telegram dated Nov. 3rd, 1923, and also report of Special Agent in Charge Howe, Miami office, dated October 17, 1923, both containing certain leads, one of which was embodied in report of Special Agent in Charge Howe's report under the caption of JOHN G. CROSLAND, WM. F. MCCOY, et. al., giving subject, CHRISTIE'S address at one time at 187 Edgecomb Ave., that city.</p> <p>Agent made inquiry at the above address and was informed that no such person as subject was known there. Those premises are now occupied by colored people and have been for the past two years.</p> <p>Inquiry was made at College Postoffice Station at 140th St. but no removal notice was on file since 1918, nor was CHRISTIE known to letter carriers.</p> <p>A visit was then made to the AMOURY TRADING CO., 24 Stone St. (not ARMORY TRADING CO.) and suitable pretext was made to learn from MISS DAISY ARMOURY, in charge of the New York agency, as to CHRISTIE.</p> <p>MISS AMOURY informed Agent that she had not seen CHRISTIE for over a year and then at Nassau, Bahamas. She describes CHRISTIE: About 5 ft. 6; 30 years of age; well built; 145 lbs.; smooth face; ruddy complexion; light kinky hair; thin on top; good dresser.</p> <p>Later, Agent ran across a</p>			
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IN RE: HAROLD E. CHRISTIE

11-5-23

WILLIAM BROWNE.

confidant, whose name cannot be divulged, under a promise, at this time, and was informed that CHRISTIE was in this city last week but was now in Pennsylvania and that by Friday or Saturday of this week, he would produce him to this Agent.

Feeling sure that above promise will be kept, this Agent did not proceed further in the matter at this time, and relies solely on that promise, knowing that confidant can produce him.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT.  
ATTENTION: MR. BUCKLEY.

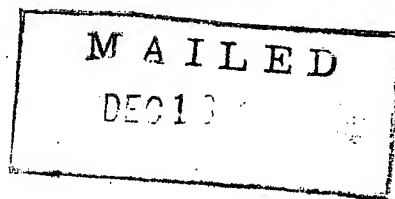
Further with regard to the  
case of Harold Christie, I am  
enclosing herewith copy of the  
report of Agent Browne of our  
New York office, dated November  
3rd.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

Encl.



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N. Y. F.

Instructions received from Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

RE: HAROLD H. CHRISTIE:

Alleged Violation Section #37, U.S.C.C.

FACTS DEVELOPED:

At New York, N.Y.

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DATE 9-19-80 BY SP-5 RCH/PC

Reference is made to telegram dated October 31st, 1923, from

the Director, regarding the above matter, also acknowledgment is made of warrant of arrest attached to letter from LAWRENCE CURTIS, 2nd, ASS. U.S. Attorney, District of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass., for the apprehension of above named subject.

On receipt of said telegram a letter was addressed to the Bureau asking whether it would be proper to approach New York City Corporation Counsel GEORGE P. NICHOLSON and Asst. Corporation Counsel FRANK E. SMITH openly, or if the approach should be made under suitable pretext, to which telephonic reply was received to the effect that Special Assistant to the Attorney General Buckley, at Washington, had decided that the pretext method should be used.

In the meantime, however, a connection had been made by Agent through which the information as to subject's whereabouts may be learned, without necessitating the call upon the above named gentlemen. (Also a certified copy of the complaint and commissioner's warrant for subject's arrest has been received from Asst. U.S. Attorney Lawrence Curtis, as stated above.)

X A photograph or description of subject would be of material help to Agent

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RE: HAROLD H. CHRISTIE:

WILLIAM BROWNE.

November 3, 1923.

and it is respectfully requested that either of both be furnished him if available.

In the meantime this matter will be given every attention.

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Instructions received from Special Agent in Charge Letherman.

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BOSTON, MASS.	NOV. 5, 1923	NOV. 5, 1923.	WILLIAM B. SNOW:
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:			GENERAL INTELLIGENCE
SCHOONER "MONARCH" - Gloucester, Mass.			Alleged NOV 9 1923 Illegal
FACTS DEVELOPED: at GLOUCESTER and BOSTON, MASS.			ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9-18-80 BY SP-5 RBN/142
<p>Referring to my report of January 11th of the present year,</p> <p>as well as several prior and subsequent communications concerning above captioned matter, also a personal interview with Assistant U. S. Attorney General Buckley at Washington, D. C. on the 11th ultimo, the following is respectfully submitted as the result of further personal attention:</p> <p>Since my conference with Assistant Attorney General Buckley at Washington, I have had several interviews, along lines suggested by Mr. BUCKLEY, with Assistant U. S. Attorney Laurence Curtis, 2d, of this city, who has charge of the prosecution at this end, and on October 25th again visited Gloucester, Mass., for purpose of obtaining any additional information possible.</p> <p>I called at #52 Prospect Street, Gloucester, and succeeded in interviewing, under cover, Miss Doyle, a daughter of DANIEL A. DOYLE, who advised that her father had not been home since my last inquiry, in May of the present year; that her mother has not heard from him for a long time, and she doubted if he intended to return to his family again.</p> <p>I subsequently called at Police Headquarters in Gloucester, and was informed that DOYLE had neglected</p>			
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FILE #12234:	WASHINGTON 3: BOSTON 2: U.S. ATTY. BOSTON 1: W B S - J E K		

his family for a long time, also that his present whereabouts were unknown, but that they would keep a sharp lookout and if he returned at any time I would be promptly advised.

I again called at the Post Office in Gloucester, and requested the officials there to continue making tracings of all mail addressed to Mr. Doyle's family, and I also left a list of names, together with last known addresses, of all other members of the crew of the "MONARCH" with the Police and Post Office officials, and should any of them return to Gloucester at any time it is understood that I am to be immediately notified.

I called upon Mr. J. B. McLOUD, who is still employed by the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company at Gloucester, and he informed me that the bill of sale of the "MONARCH" from the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company to Captain D. A. McCUIISH, had never been located in the office since the death of BENJAMIN A. SMITH, and I again examined the records at the Gloucester Customs House, which plainly indicated that on October 5th, 1922, this bill of sale was forwarded by mail to BENJAMIN A. SMITH, c/o Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, Gloucester, Mass., and in my opinion there is little doubt but that it was received by the addressee.

There are no records in the office of the Gorton-Pew Vessels Company, as far as I could learn, indicating payments of commissions to R. RUSSELL SMITH, for any vessels disposed of, but Mr. McLOUD suggested that if such commissions had been paid it is probable that BENJAMIN A. SMITH, the father, would have disbursed such sums, in a manner not to have been entered as commissions, especially if the transactions had

been in connection with any questionable or irregular sales. I was also informed by Mr. McLOUD, that the matter of a commission alleged to have been due from BENJAMIN A. SMITH to one ABBOTT S. COFFIN, of Gloucester, in connection with sale of the "MONARCH" had been adjusted outside of court proceedings, but he did not know upon what terms. I endeavored to get in touch with Mr. COFFIN, or his Attorney, William G. Clark, for purpose of ascertaining, if possible, terms of settlement, but both were absent from the city on date of my visit. I have written to each, but received no replies to my letters.

On the 31st inst., Assistant U. S. Attorney Curtis informed me that he had received a telephone communication from Special Agent in Charge Brennan of the New York office, advising that it was believed that HAROLD CHRISTIE was likely to be in New York City in the near future, consequently it was requested that a copy of the indictment, as well as a bench warrant, be furnished. It was inferred from this that either Mr. Buckley or the DIRECTOR of the Bureau had communicated with the New York office direct, and in view of the fact that the indictment had not been actually returned from the Grand Jury, Assistant U. S. Attorney Curtis drew up a complaint which covered the matter in considerable detail; the same was sworn to before U. S. Commissioner Hayes of this city and forwarded by Mr. Curtis direct to the New York office.

On the 2d inst. a communication was received by me from the Postmaster at Gloucester, Mass., stating that a registered letter arrived at his office on November 1st, addressed to Mrs. Daniel A. Doyle, 52 Prospect St., Gloucester, Mass., upon the envelope of which was the



sender's name and address, 'Daniel A. Doyle, 115 West Newton Street, Boston, Mass.'" Upon receipt of this information I immediately proceeded to the Boston address mentioned, and learned from the landlady that DANIEL A. DOYLE roomed with her; that she did not know what business he was engaged in, but informed me that he would probably return around five or six o'clock in the evening.

I returned to the address given at about 5:30 p.m. and learned that Mr. DOYLE had not returned, but succeeded in securing the address of the restaurant where he was in the habit of taking his meals on Tremont Street. After remaining for a time at the latter mentioned place, DOYLE turned up, and I succeeded in interviewing him. He informed me that he left CHRISTIE'S employ in the Bahamas last May, on which occasion he returned to Boston; visited his home in Gloucester for a few days; then returned to Boston, at which point he has since been employed, by the Boston Elevated Street Railway Company, Maintenance Department, but was discharged a few days since on account of a reduction in their force; that during this period he had roomed at different places in and about Boston, but has not recently visited his family in Gloucester. He lived in a very poorly furnished apartment; took his meals at a very cheap restaurant, and does not have the appearance of being very prosperous.

He assured me that he was perfectly willing to make a statement relative to the "MONARCH" and assist the government in any way that he could consistently do so, although he felt that any statement he might make would not be of material importance, but I interro-

gated him at his home, and on the following morning, November 3d, he called upon me at Division Headquarters, and later visited the office of the U. S. Attorney with me, at the Federal Building, this city, at which point he was examined by Assistant U. S. Attorney Laurence Curtis 2d, before whom he made the following statement, which is self-explanatory:

S T A T E M E N T

Statement by Daniel A. Doyle of Gloucester, Massachusetts, given in the United States Attorney's Office, Post Office Building, Boston, on November 3, 1923.

Present: William B. Snow of the Department of Justice, Emma P. Locke, Laurence CURTis 2d, Assistant United States Attorney, and Daniel A. Doyle.

I, Daniel A. Doyle, make this statement of my own free will, no threats or promises of any kind having been made to me, and I understand that it may be used either for me or against me as the case may be.

I served as First Mate on the Schooner "Monarch" in its voyage from Gloucester to Nassau at the end of September 1922. My first connection with this voyage was when Donald A. McCuish, Captain and owner, engaged me as First Mate three or four days before the voyage. The vessel sailed September 28th from Gloucester, Massachusetts. The ship's articles, which I signed, provided, so far as I recollect, for such ports as the

master may direct; upon arrival at destination, way to be paid back; and there was some provision that we could leave the vessel at any time. When I was engaged as aforesaid I was told that the vessel would sail for Florida and West India ports. There was some mention made of stopping at New York en route.

The vessel sailed in the evening of the 28th. Some time that day we were informed that the vessel was going to sail direct to Nassau. A few hours before the vessel sailed, Captain McCuish was on the wharf, and I saw a person whom I have since learned was Harold Christie of Nassau, and R. Russell Smith come down to the wharf together and enter into conversation with Captain McCuish. I could not say whether I first heard that we were to go to Nassau before or after the conversation described as aforesaid between Capt. McCuish, Harold Christie and R. Russell SMITH. I was not in a position to hear any of the conversation so described.

During the voyage, four or five days after we sailed, Capt. McCuish was telling about how he bought the vessel. He stated in a joking manner that of course he did not have the money himself to buy the vessel, but that it was handed over to him, and he paid it over to Benjamin Smith. He said in a joking way: "This is now my ship and I can sell it anywhere I want to." There was also some mention

made of selling the ship. At that time it occurred to me that there were some United States laws on the subject, having been in the Merchant Marine myself in the employ of the Shipping Board. I had a copy of the United States laws on the subject, and pointed out to Captain McCuish a provision having to do with the sale of an American ship to a foreigner without the Shipping Board's permission. Prior to that conversation, Capt. McCuish had not suspected that there might be anything illegal in any of the acts which he was doing, but that seeing the law he realized that there was danger of violating the law, and stated that he would report the subject to the Consul upon arrival at Nassau. He stated that he had a family and lived in the United States, and was not going to do anything detrimental to that country.

We were out about eleven days on the voyage and arrived at Nassau, so far as I can remember, about October 10th. Within three days after our arrival, Harold Christie came aboard the vessel and had a talk with Capt. McCuish. I heard him tell CAPT. McCuish that if we needed any supplies he would have them sent out to the vessel. Some of these supplies were I think furnished by a dealer named Edward Saunders.

Some days after our arrival at Nassau a writ was served on the vessel by nailing a copy to the mast. I knew that

this meant that there was a judicial action against the vessel, and that she was to be sold judicially. Shortly after this I left Nassau on a voyage for about two weeks. Upon my return I found that the "Monarch" had been transferred to the British flag, and was informed that she had been sold at judicial sale to Harold CHRISTIE of the Company.

Thereafter, Harold Christie engaged me to be CAPTAIN of the "Monarch", McCuish having meanwhile left while I was on the voyage above mentioned. I was engaged as Captain and acted as Captain for four months, from January to April 1923, during which period the "Monarch" remained in or near Nassau harbor and made no voyage.

I heard rumors to the effect that the United States did not approve of the transfer to British registry, and felt that trouble might occur should the vessel depart on a foreign trip. In fact CHRISTIE made statements to me to this effect.

I learned that prior to my taking command of the "Monarch" from January to April as aforesaid, the "Monarch" had been on a voyage north during my absence. The "Monarch" had been about six weeks on that trip. Olsen was Captain on that voyage. I left the "Monarch" somewhere around the last week of April, and ceased to be Captain at that time. I came back to the United States, arriving here on or about the first of May.

About April 1, 1923 the American Consul at Nassau, Loren A. Lathrop, sent for me through the harbormaster. I went up to his office and he showed me a telegram from WASHINGTON asking for a sworn statement from me as to what I knew about the "Monarch". He told me that it was not absolutely necessary that I make a statement there and then, but that he advised me not to sail on the "Monarch"; and told me that if I went home the statement could be taken there. When Christie next returned to Nassau I spoke to him about this interview. Christie had meantime been in New York where he spends much of his time. I told Christie about being asked for this statement, and stated that I did not feel it was safe for me being an American citizen to go up on the "Monarch" and that I intended to quit the job. Christie said that the vessel was legally transferred and he did not see that I would be running any danger going north on the vessel.

I left Nassau as above stated about April 28th, and arrived in Boston about May 3d, 1923.

I have given the above statement of my own free will and accord and the statement so given is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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November 8, 1923.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUCKLEY.

I am in receipt of a telegram from Miami, advising me that Harold Christie has not as yet been located at that point but that he is apparently expected there as he left a forwarding address from Miami to Cohen & Company, 103 Front Street, New York City, effective up to November 1st. His mother and sisters are in Miami and their house is under surveillance. The Agent in Charge at Miami suggests that a copy of the indictment be forwarded to him in order that he may have it should the emergency arise.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED truly yours,  
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Director.

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Miami, Florida

November 5, 1923.

Burns.

Two re Harold Christie not located as yet but apparently expected as left forwarding address from here to Cohen and Company one naught three Front Street, New York, effective up to November first stop Mother and sisters here and house under surveillance stop Suggest forward copy Indictment to me direct to have in emergency if he shows.

Howe.

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Letherman,

Winthrop Building,

Boston, Mass.

Mr. Frank Buckley, attorney in Assistant Attorney General  
Willebrandt's office, will arrive in Boston tomorrow morning  
and communicate with you relative to an investigation involv-  
ing one Boyle. Render every assistance possible in this  
matter. Two.

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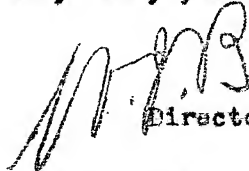
MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT

Further with regard to HAROLD F.

CHRISTIE -- Violation Section 37 U.S.C.C. --

I am transmitting herewith copy of a report dated November 6, 1923, and copy of a telegram dated November 15, 1923, received from Agent Howe of our Miami office.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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## TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

~~CHARLES~~  
HAROLD F. CHRISTIE and  
~~GERALD F. CHRISTIE~~

SECTION 37--LIQUOR

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## FACTS DEVELOPED:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA.

Reference is had to reports of this Agent in re: JOHN G. CROSLAND, WM. F. McCOY et al, CONSPIRACY SMUGGLING LIQUOR; also to confidential communication from this Agent to the Director, dated October 13, 1923. On October 31st the following telegram was received from the Director.

"Harold F. Christie secretly indioted under section thirty seven C C at Boston. I am advised that his mother Mrs. H. Christie is in Miami and that the Immigration officials at Miami have information concerning Christie's whereabouts. Endeavor to obtain information and if possible locate Christie placing him under surveillance and advise Bureau at once stop two "

Agent immediately interviewed Immigration Inspector in Charge, Isaac L. Smith who stated that he believed that SUBJECT'S MOTHER and SISTERS were LIVING in MIAMI but did not know their address. He stated that he knew SUBJECT from passing him in and out the port of Miami. Agent interviewed the Deputy Collector of Customs, David Tyre, who stated that SUBJECT had shipped a box of crockery from Nassau to his mother at Miami which arrived on the British vessel the "Mystery-J" on October 31, 1923; that he was holding this box until Mrs. Christie called for it as it had not been determined whether it was subject to duty.

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Agt. Leon E. Howe

11/6/23

Miami File 627

Through the Miami Post Office Agent learned that Mrs. M. A. Christie (Mrs. Gerald F. Christie) resided at 213 N. E. 17th Terrace with her daughters, Enid, Marian, and Maud. Letter carrier's book showed notation that mail for H. C. Christie was to be forwarded from this address in care of COHEN and COMPANY, 103 Front Street, New York City up to November 1st. As it was November 1st when Agent learned this I assigned SA G. C. Reeve to cover the numerous vessels sailing for Nassau and kept the residence of the mother under surveillance for several days.

On November 5th Agent sent the following wire to the Director.

"Two re: Harold Christie not located as yet but apparently expected as left forwarding address from here to Cohen and Company one, 103 Front Street, New York City effective up to November one stop mother and sisters here and house under surveillance stop suggest forward copy indictment to me direct to have in emergency if he shows"

This matter will have the further attention of this Agent and SA G. C. Reeve until such time as surveillance is no longer necessary.

CASE CONTINUED.

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62-4138-58

November 19, 1923.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. WILLEBRANDT

Further with regard to HAROLD F.  
CHRISTIE -- Violation Section 37 -- I  
am Transmitting herewith copy of a  
report dated November 8, 1923, made by  
Agent Reeve of our Miami office.

Very truly yours,

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

HAROLD F. CHRISTIE

SECTION 37--LIQUOR

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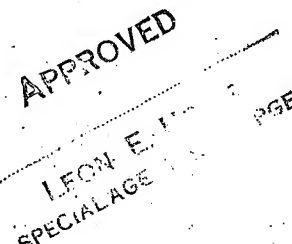
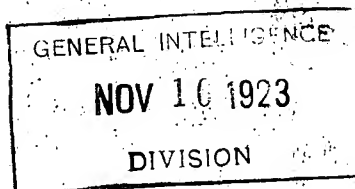
FACTS DEVELOPED:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA.

Reference is made to report of SAC HOWE of the Miami Bureau office, dated November 11, 1923.

Upon instructions from SAC HOWE Agent has made arrangements with the proprietor of the Miramar Pharmacy located at 1743 N. E. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida (this drug store ~~is~~ faces 213 N. E. 17th Terrace, which is the home of the mother of SUBJECT) to notify this office if SUBJECT calls at ~~his~~ his mother's home; also the above party has given Agent permission to use the rear of his store to cover house.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE:

**IN RE: HAROLD H. CHRISTIE**

**All. Violation Sec. 37 USCC.**

FACTS DEVELOPED:

**AT NEW YORK, N.Y.**

**N.Y. FILE #43315**

Reference is made to previous reports on the above entitled matter, the most recent being that of this Agent for November 5th, 1923. The following letter was received from LAWRENCE CURTIS, 2nd, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Massachusetts:

Boston, November 13, 1923.

**Re: Harold Christie.**

Edward J. Bremman, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 241,  
City Hall Station,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Please return to me the warrant enclosed with my letter of October 31, 1923.

Respectfully,  
For the United States Attorney,  
(Signed) Lawrence Curtis 2nd.  
Asst. U.S. Attorney.

In compliance with same this Agent is forwarding warrant attached to copy of this report which is being sent to Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence Curtis 2nd, at Boston, Mass.

Agent would appreciate instructions as to whether the request of Assistant U.S. Attorney Curtis, (2nd) for the return of the

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WILLIAM BROWNE.

warrant is to be taken to indicate that no further effort be made to locate subject in this district.

These instructions are asked for the reason that subject, who has been absent from this city for several weeks is expected to return here not later than the end of this week.

Continued.

*Has been sent to Miami*



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November 17, 1923.

Mr. E J Brennan  
Park Row Building  
New York City

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Miami office has been endeavoring locate Harold  
Christie on warrant in conspiracy involving fraudulent sale  
Schooner Monarch Case worked on by Boston office stop  
Telegram just received from Miami states letter just received  
there for wife of Christie from two five three Broadway Room  
five nought four New York stop Papers were forwarded Miami  
stop two

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Miami, Florida

November 15, 1923.

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Two re: Harold Christie letter received for wife from two five three Broadway, Room five nought four New York.

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REPORT MADE AT: Miami, Fla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11/13/23	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/13/23	REPORT MADE BY: GUY C. REEVE
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: HAROLD F. CHRISTIE			
FACTS DEVELOPED: MIAMI, FLORIDA.			
<p>Reference is made to report of SAC HOWE of the Miami, Florida Bureau Office, dated November 6, 1923 and Agent's report, dated November 8, 1923, both captioned as above.</p> <p>Agent has kept SUBJECT'S MOTHER'S house at 213 N. E. 17th Terrace under close surveillance. SUBJECT'S FATHER, GERALD F. CHRISTIE, is stopping at the above address at the present time. On the night of November 8, 1923 a young man answering SUBJECT'S description left the above address in a taxi. <del>The</del> Agent checked this party up and found that he was SUBJECT'S BROTHER, FRANK CHRISTIE, and he sailed for Nassau on November 11, 1923. SUBJECT'S FATHER has stated <del>he</del> that SUBJECT is at the present time in New York City, and in all probability will not come to Miami in the near future. At the same time SUBJECT'S mail is being delivered to his mother's house. Under date of November 7, 1923 a letter was addressed to him at the Miami address, post-marked from Nassau with no return address. On November 8, 1923 two letters addressed to SUBJECT were delivered to the above Miami address, one of these letters being post-marked from TURK ISLAND. This letter was addressed to Nassau, and received there on October 29, 1923,</p>			
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and was re-addressed to the Miami Address and was forwarded from Nassau on November 6, 1923. The other letter addressed to SUBJECT was addressed to Nassau, N.P. and then was re-addressed to Miami. The return address on this letter was LOIZEAUX BROTHERS, 1 East 13th Street, New York City.

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TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>HAROLD F. CHRISTIE</b>		<b>SECTION 37--LIQUOR</b>	
FACTS DEVELOPED: <b><u>AT MIAMI, FLORIDA.</u></b>			
<p>Reference is made to report of this Agent dated November 13, 1923 captioned as above.</p> <p>On November 14, 1923 a letter was delivered to 213 N.E. 17th Terrace, Miami, Florida to MRS. H. C. CHRISTIE, WIFE of SUBJECT. The above address is the home of SUBJECT'S MOTHER which is mentioned in Agent's report of November 13, 1923. The return address on above letter was 253 Broadway, Room 504, New York City. Upon receipt of this information the following telegram was sent to the Director of the Bureau.</p> <p>" Two re Harold F. Christie letter received for wife from two five three Broadway room five nought four New York</p> <p>Howe "</p> <p><u>INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.</u></p>			
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November 16, 1923.

Mr. L. E. Howe,  
P. O. Box 1898,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith certified copy of the  
indictment of the Grand Jury of Harold Christie et al.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. E. J. Brennan,  
P. O. Box 241,  
City Hall Station,  
New York City.

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Dear Sir:

I am transmitting report dated November 13, 1923, made by Agent Reeve, of the Miami office, and copy of a report dated November 19, 1923, made by Agent Snow, of the Boston office, with regard to HAROLD F. CHRISTIE and the Alleged Illegal Sale of the Schooner "MONARCH". You will note that the report of Agent Reeve contains a New York lead.

I am also enclosing copy of a communication addressed to the Secretary of State by the American Consul at Nassau, Bahamas, which gives information that may be of value in locating Christie.

Please give this matter attention, and advise me whether you have any information which would be of interest to this Department, in order that I may keep Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt informed.

Very truly yours, RECORDED & INDEXED

Director.

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Instructions received from Special Agent in Charge L. L. Sherman.

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REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: NOV. 19, 1923	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: NOV. 16, 1923	REPORT MADE BY: WILLIAM B. SNOW:
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE: SCHOONER "MONARCH" : Gloucester, Mass. Alleged Illegal			
FACTS DEVELOPED: at SALEM and BOSTON, MASS. HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9-18-80 BY SP5 JCL/m			
Referring to my last report of the 5th inst., as well as many other prior communications concerning above captioned matter, the following additional facts are submitted:			
On the 12th inst. the Federal Grand Jury at Boston, Mass., reported two indictments against HAROLD CHRISTIE, R. RUSSELL SMITH and DONALD A. McCUIISH, one of which was for conspiracy, under section 37, C. C., and the other in connection with the sale of a United States vessel to a foreigner, in violation of the Merchant Marine Act: Act of Sept. 7, 1916 as amended by Act of June 5, 1920 s. 18; Act of March 4th, 1909 s. 332, both of the above to be treated for the present as secret, for obvious reasons.			
Assistant U. S. Attorney Laurence Curtis, 2d, of this city, who drew the indictments and presented the case to the Federal Grand Jury, has recalled the complaint which was prepared by him, and sworn to by myself before U. S. Commissioner Hayes, and referred to in my report above mentioned, page 3, paragraph 2.			
He has also forwarded a capias and copy of indictment direct to Assistant Attorney General FRANK BUCKLEY.			
Referring to my previous			
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report, above mentioned, Page 3, Paragraph 1, which related to settlement of claim for an alleged commission due one ABBOTT S. COFFIN of GLOUCESTER, Mass., in connection with sale of the Schooner "Monarch" by the Gorton Pew Vessels Company, I have since learned through Mr. W. G. Clark of Gloucester, Mass., who is now District Attorney for Essex County, Mass., that he, as Attorney for Abbott S. Coffin, brought suit in the Superior Court against the Gorton Pew Vessels Company of Gloucester, Mass., for \$600.00 this being 5% commission on the selling price of the "Monarch"; that soon after legal action was brought, R. RUSSELL SMITH called at his office in Gloucester, and stated that it seemed to him that this suit should be settled by compromise instead of being tried, he further stating that whatever sum was paid for commission or brokerage would finally come out of him. Mr. Clark informed him that the matter of compromise would be taken up with his client, Mr. COFFIN, and the case was then turned over by Mr. Clark to his office assistant, Mr. BURKE, as he, Mr. Clark was District Attorney and did not care to actually appear in many outside cases.

Mr. Arthur J. Santry, Attorney at Law, 60 State St., Boston, who was one of the Receivers for the Gorton Pew Vessels Company, and has been referred to in my previous reports, acted as Attorney of record for the Gorton Pew Vessels Company, and filed a general denial at the time suit was brought; he also acted as its attorney of record when settlement was made, but the court records do not show the amount received, but indicated a satisfactory settlement.

I learned, however, from Mr. Clark, confidentially that the sum agreed upon between the two attorneys, was \$300. and a settlement

was actually made upon that basis. As far as the court records show, settlement was between ABBOTT S. COFFIN and the Gorton Pew Vessels Co. but in view of R. RUSSELL SMITH'S statement, above quoted, there seems to be but little doubt that he was wholly responsible for sum paid over to Mr. Coffin. I have endeavored to get in touch with Attorney Santry for purpose of being further advised along those lines, but he has been out of the city for several days and is not expected to return until some time next week, at which time I will endeavor to secure additional details from him.

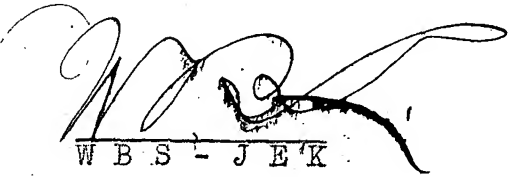
Mr. DANIEL A. DOYLE, whose statement was quoted in my last report, is still available here as a witness in case he is needed, he being temporarily employed by a firm of building contractors, but for fear that he might depart for some point unknown, Assistant U. S. ATTY. Curtis had a warrant issued and served upon him on the 15th inst. under section 881, R. S., and he was required to furnish a bond in the sum of \$200. for his appearance should CHRISTIE be apprehended.

Mr. DOYLE has filed an application for a position with the Director of the Prohibition Enforcement Bureau, this city. The last time that I conferred with Mr. DOYLE, a few days since, he was shown a list of vessels that have been disposed of by the Gorton Pew Vessels Co. to various parties, and referred to on pages 30-42 of my report of Jan. 11, 1923, and requested to state how many, if any, of those mentioned were known to be in the rum traffic at Nassau, Bahamas, while he was located there, from January to April of the present year, and he informed me that he was sure the following named were engaged in manner mentioned, as he had observed them while at that point:

"KINEO"  
"SQUANTO"  
"FANNIE E. PRESCOTT"  
"MARSELA"  
"CAVELIER"  
"MONARCH"

He further stated that at the time of his return to Gloucester, Mass., last May, he happened to meet R. RUSSELL SMITH on the street, who stated to him that he understood that he, DOYLE, was still engaged on the "MONARCH" at Nassau, further stating that McCuish "made a mess of it by reporting matters to the United States Consul at Nassau, upon his arrival there with the Schooner "MONARCH"."

A further report to be submitted.

  
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E. J. Brennan  
Park Row Building  
New York City

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New York stop Confirmed not in Nassau stop two

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Miami, Fla. November 19, 1923.

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Washington, D.C.

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L. E. Howe, Agent in charge,  
Clayton Building,  
Miami, Florida,

What is new in the Christie matter? Has he been  
arrested?

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Miami, Florida

November 16, 1923.

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Two re- Harold Christie party here expect apprehend today  
stop Wire information sufficient issue fugitive warrant forward  
copy indictment.

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